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# Jewish influx threat to world peace: OIC

JEDDAH, March 19, (AP): The 46-member Organisation of the Islamic Conference warned today that the Soviet Jewish influx into Israel constituted a threat to

"To confront the serious consequences of new migration of Soviet Jews to the (Israeli) occupied lands, the OIC urges all its members to use all possible means and methods to prevent the implementation of the Zionist plot," said a statement issued after a two-day meeting by a committee of

It did not spell out the means it foresaw but the nine-member committee also appealed to the Soviet Union, the United States, and the United Nations and other international bodies "to adopt necessary measures to oblige Israel to halt its barbaric practices against the Palestinian and Arab lands.

The meeting at the Jeddah-based OIC, umbrella for the world's estimated 1 billion Muslims, is the latest countermove by Arab and Islamic bodies against the flow of the Soviet Jews into Israel.

There are fears in the Arab world that hundreds of thousands will settle in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza

The OIC follows up with deep anxiety and grave concern the perilous develop-ments resulting from the emigration of the Jews from the Soviet Union to occupied Palestine which is a flagrant violation of ... the human rights charter, the UN resolutions ... The 1949 Geneva Convention of 1949 and the Helsinki Agreement," said the OIC statement.

The committee comprised officials from Jordan, Malaysia, Morocco, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organisation

In Manama, Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen said today that Beijing would back any Arab move at the UN Security Council to curtail the emigration of Soviet

# Assembly under new rules

### Crown Prince to present report to Amir shortly

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah has said that wide consultations with Kuwaitis showed they favoured a return to parliamentary democracy but under rules different from those of the Assembly dissolved in 1986.

Sheikh Saad told the Kuwait News Agency (Kuna) that druing a month and a half of talks with the people he concluded they wanted clear "regulations and criteria" for a new parliament.

Sheikh Saad has been holding meetings with pro-government and opposition

personalities after HH the Amir offered a dialogue on public participation in

Kuna quoted Sheikh Saad as saying the consultations were necessary to 'guarantee constructive co-operation between the constitutional authorities and boost national unity.'

Many Kuwaitis and former deputies agree that rowdy public debates in the previous Assembly sowed divisions among the citizens.

East German communists take a beating

# Conservatives seek allies

EAST BERLIN, March 19, (Agencies): The leader of the Conservative Alliance that won the most votes in East Germany's election called today for tearing down the rest of the Berlin Wall and accelerating unification talks with West Germany.

Lothar de Maiziere, considered the top candidate for prime minister, also offered to form a broad coalition with other parties following Sunday's first-ever free balloting. But the head of the leftist Socialist Democrats, which finished second, rejected a coalition with the

Conservative Alliance. De Maziere's Christian Democratic Union won almost 41 per cent of the vote, good for 164 seats in the 400-member Parliament. It is allied with two other conservative parties that

control another 29 seats, leaving the alliance eight seats short of a controlling majority. The CDU is the sister party of West German Chancellor Hel-Kohl's Christian Democrats. Kohl is a leading

proponent of unification. Speaking less than 24 hours after the victory, De Maiziere told reporters the Berlin Wall "must be removed as soon as possible as a clear sign of the merging of the two German

The Wall, long a symbol of East-West acrimony and East German repression, was opened Nov 9 after East Germany's popular revolt toppled hardline communist leaders in October. Large sections of the Wall already have been removed.

De Maiziere, reading a statement by the Conservative Alliance, said it "wanted to build a possible grand coalition."

"Therefore, we are inviting the Social Democrats and the Union of Free Democrats to coalition talks," he said. He earlier had expressed doubts about including the Social Democrats in a

The Social Democrats finished second in the voting with about 22 per cent of the vote, for 87 Parliament seats. It was a preelection favourite that called for a more deliberate approach to

### Kohl expects winning all-German elections

BONN, March 19, (Reuter): Chan-cellor Helmut Kohl, buoyed by a landslide election victory by fellowconservatives in East Germany, said right would win elections in a united

"It is quite clear that in an all-German election, the (West German) CDU/CSU (ruling parties) would have an excellent chance of achieving a first-class result along with the par-ties of the (East German Conservtive) Alliance," he told a news con-

ference.

Kohl gave no indication of when he thought the first all-German elections would be held. But asked if West Germany's parliamentary elec-tions in December could be expanded to include both parts of Germany, he replied: "I don't think it will be an event of this nature."

Kohl said his government would work with the new East German government to bring about economic and social union of the two states on the road to full political unification.
"We are convinced that we must

not disappoint the expectations of the citizens and voters of East Germany and that the confidence and trust that people have put in us and our policies must be justified," he

unification than the CDU. The Union of Free Democrats is a smaller liberal party that won 21

The former Communist Party, now called the Party of Democratic Socialism, won just



The Soviet Union warned East Germany's new leaders today to move slowly towards unification with West Germany and reaffirmed its conviction that a united Germany could not be member of Nato.

It also said that the run-away victory by the Conservative Alliance for Germany in Sunday's elections had been helped by massive interference in campaigning by Kohl's ruling

Britsih Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher hailed East Germany's elections as a great day for that country and for Europe.

finish third, controlling 65 seats.

Cory firm on bases talks

Gregor Gysi, chairman of the reformed Communist Party, offered support to the leftist Social Democrats in an attempt to prevent the conservatives parliamentary majority. over 16 per cent of the vote to

alliance said Sheikh Saad did not give details of the new "regulations and criteria" he envisaged during their two meetings with One pro-democracy activist

Leaders of the pro-democracy

said yesterday the government's plan for new elections later this vear had heartened the prodemocracy movement.

The pro-democracy movement started circulating a petition this week urging the government to maintain the country's 1962 constitution.

Kuna quoted Sheikh Saad as saying talks could end "in the coming few weeks" and then he would present a report to the Amir for his final decision.

He said civilised dialogue was the only way and "other methods will not lead us to the target to which we all aspire," a reference to the return of Parliament.

The Amir dissolved Parliament at the height of the Iran-Iraq war citing a foreign conspiracy to destroy the state after conflict spilled over into Kuwait, with missiles hitting its ships and bombs exploding in the capital.

Sheikh Saad said: "I have felt in my broad meetings and contacts with the citizens a general desire in laying down rules and controls for the restoration of a parliamentary life that ensures co-operation between various constitutional powers, and bolsters national unity and the internal front, aloof of any fresh

He expressed "appreciation for the cordial and frank spirit which prevailed throughout meetings with citizens from various walks of life as well as for their readiness for sincere cooperation so that Kuwait's interests remain above any other consideration."

At the last meeting Sheikh Saad was quoted as telling the pro-democracy deputies: "I am for an elected assembly that not only acts as a watchdog, but to which the government will be

plans and also indicate again the (termination) of

the present bases agreement in 1991." Aquino said.

levels of \$96 million this year) we will be discussing in

the exploratory talks (which) will go on and as scheduled either on April 18 or 19," Aquino said.

Washington has pledged to provide the Philip-

pines \$962 million in aid in the last two years of the

treaty covering six facilities, including the huge

Cheney said on Saturday in Washington it was

unlikely the US Congress would approve the sig-

nificant increase in compensation that the Philip-

pines was requesting in return for renewing the bases

treaty. The bases are manned by some 14,500 service

Clark Air Base and Subic Bay Naval Complex.

"This is also in the matter of the shortfall (in aid

## TOKYO, March 19, (Reuter): Japan became the third nation to

send a craft into lunar orbit today when its Hagoromo spacecraft swung by the moon at a distance of 16,000 kms (10,000 After a five-and-one-half week

journey during which scientists fine-tuned the craft's trajectory, Hagoromo moved into a tight lunar orbit at 2004 GMT yester-A larger mother spacecraft

which had jettisoned Hagoromo 30 minutes earlier entered a larger orbit around the earth.

"We've taken one step forward toward planetary missions," said Yasunori Mato-

The mission aims to develop expertise in harnessing the gravity of the moon to land spacecraft on it or to swing them deeper into space to rendezvous with Venus or with comets. Such missions are being contemplated for later this decade.

Hagoromo, named after a feather robe which in Japanese legend was worn by a celestial nymph, also explored a trajectory similar to one planned for the next mission by ISAS.

The geotail satellite is due to be launched in the next mission in July, 1992 to investigate solar particles which generate auroras. Today's swing-by made Japan the third nation after the United

States and the Soviet Union to send a spacecraft into orbit around the moon. Hagoromo is the first

spacecraft to visit the moon since the unmanned Soviet Luna 24 landed on the lunar surface in August, 1976. The first lunar flyby was on March 3, 1959 by the ÚS Pioneer 4 spacecraft.



was killed and 17 injured from the bomb blast, which occurred in a vegetable market. (Reuter wirephoto)

### 29 butchered in Punjab

# Sikh militants attack off, telling Sikhs to flee. They drove 11 non-Sikhs to Ferozepur, 25 km (15 miles)

AMRITSAR, India ', March 19, (Reuter): At least 29 people were killed in a sudden spurt of violence in the Sikh militant campaign for an independent homeland in Punjab, police said

They said the death toll in the 24 hours starting yesterday night included 14 people shot dead in one attack.

Police and residents of the remote village of Dalwani Bhai in southwestern Punjab said three men wearing Indian police uniforms set up a roadblock nearby last night.

They stopped the car of Sikh moderate Prem Singh and killed him, his bodyguard and a third

The men then stopped trucks and ordered the passengers to get

away. Five men dressed as orthodox Sikhs joined them and they lined them up and shot them In another incident near Amritsar, the Sikh holy city, five members of one family were kid-

napped yesterday. Their bodies, surrounded by bullet casings, were found today, police said. Well-known leftist politician

Hardev Singh, a vocal opponent of the militants, was killed yesterday in the village of Harsha Shinna near Amritsar, police

Other victims included a former member of the powerful committee that runs Amritsar's

Golden Temple, the holiest Sikh temple. Several militants also died, police said. Some 550 people have died this year in the Sikh separatist

violence despite efforts by Prime Minister Vishwanath Pratap Singh, who made peace in Punjab a priority when he took office in December.

At least 397 people have been killed so far this year in Punjab by the Sikh militants, who say they need their own nation to combat what they call political and social discrimination by the govern-

India was established as a secular nation after attaining

independence from Britain in 1947. But Hindus, who make up 82 per cent of the population. dominate the government.

### India imposes Japanese satellite higher taxes orbits moon

By Thomas Abraham Arab Times staff

NEW DELHI, March 19: India's Finance Minister Madhu Dandavate imposed higher taxes on several items and announced many concessions to net an additional revenue of Rs1,959 crores during 1990-91 in the National Front government's maiden budget presented to parliament today.

Among the items on which higher taxes have been proposed are petrol, cars, microwave ovens, washing machines, audio systems, video cas-sette recorders and cooking ranges. Duties on items like refrigerators and airconditioners have also been raised

Air travel will now be costlier with a 10 per cent tax on the fare. Prices of postal stationery like printed post cards and inland cards have also been jacked up.

Dandavate has raised the exemp

tion limit for personal income taxa-tion from Rs18,000 to Rs 22,000 per annum, taking nearly a million per sons out of the tax net. Further, the lowest rate of income tax of 20 per cent has been extended from the present limit of Rs25,000 to Rs30,000.
The Finance Minister has contin-

ued the eight per cent surcharge. making it applicable to taxable incomes beyond Rs75,000 against the present limit of Rs50,000. He also announced several changes in the existing schemes of tax incentives to promote savings.

Dandavate has proposed a twin

strategy to ensure better compliance of corporate taxation. He established major incentives like investment allowance and investment deposit account to close the escape route for the corporate sector to go out of the tax net. The rate for widely held domestic companies has been fixed at forty per cent, with corresponding changes in rates for other domestic

Dandavate has estimated the deficit for 1990-91 at Rs7,206 crores, against the budget estimates of Rs 7,337 crores and revised estimates of Rs 11,750 crores for the current year.

There is a substantial increase in the provision for defence services at Rs15,750 crores, a direct result of the situation on the Indian borders. In keeping with the new govern-cent's commitment to ensure that

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DAY BY DAY



**Ideal Home** 

Prime Minister Thatcher does some cooking during her visit to the 'ideal Home'

# **ARAB@TIMES**

**Grand Bingo** Mr Anup Chandra and Mrs Jasbir K. Bhatia

have won the Four Corners and Top Line prizes respectively. They will receive KD 25 each. Game No. 76 continues for the First, Second and Third Full House Prizes.

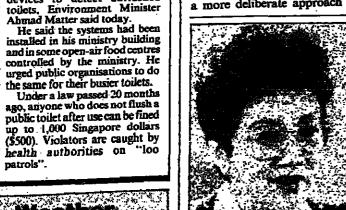
### MANY expatriates who have been living for long periods in

Kuwait cannot bring their families to live with them because of the decision requiring a minimum salary of KD 600 per month in the private sector. In effect, this means that

such expatriates will have to wait their whole lives before their salaries reach the stipulated level. The only solution is to obtain fake salary certificates stating that the employee is paid KD 600 per month. I believe that those

expatriates who have been living in Kuwait for long periods and have their lives well arranged, should be exempted from the salary ceiling. It will be a good humanitarian gesture if we consider the situations of such people and facilitate granting these family visas.

Zahed Matar



### get damned SINGAPORE, March 19. (Reuter): Singapore is promoting the use of sensor-operated

Lother de Maiziere screams with

**US** planned

Rabta plant

The United States had plans for a military strike against Libya's Rabta chemical plant if diplomatic action

failed to stop it going fully

operational, and might have used a cruise missile, Newsweek said yester-

The plant at Rabta, 50 miles (80

km) southwest of Tripoli, was hit by a fire last Wednesday that President George Bush said had apparently

Newsweek quoted sources close to

the White House as saying that, before the fire occurred, Bush had already decided that the plant, which

ufacturing chemical weapons, would not be allowed to go fully poperational.

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devices to detect unflushed toilets. Environment Minister Ahmad Matter said today. He said the systems had been installed in his ministry building and in some open-air food centres

public toilet after use can be fined up to 1,000 Singapore dollars (\$500). Violators are caught by health authorities on "loo

### Weather

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Ahmadi: 20°C 68°F

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Kuwait: 36 per cent Ahmadi: 46 per cent

KUWAIT yesterday joined Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and other Gulf states in denouncing what it described as the ferocious campaign against Iraq following the hanging last Thursday of a Londonbased journalist on spying charges.

'Iraq exercised its natural right in protecting its national security," Kuwaiti Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah said in a statement

to the Iraqi News Agency. Iraq hanged last Thursday 31-year-old Farzad Bazoft, an Iranian-born reporter for the Observer newspaper of London, after a five-hour closed trial.
Reports in Iraqi press accused Bazoft of spying

reports said hundreds of people died in an earlier explosion, and removed soil samples, "in an act designed to inflict damage on Iraqi security." Kuwait said Iraq had a right to defend its

Sheikh Jaber said the Iraqi judiciary issued its verdict, "within the framework of legitimate laws implemented in all countries all over the world." Saudi Arabia and Bahrain on Sunday expressed support for Iraq after London's sharp condemnation of Bazoft's execution.

## Kuwait defends Iraq's execution of journalist for Britain, Israel and Iran. They said he entered a

"It is essential that we do have these exploratory

MANILA, March 19, (UPI): President Corazon Aquino today rejected calls from lawmakers for the

cancellation of exploratory talks next month on the

sibility Washington would pull its military installa-

US officials over the weekend raised the pos-

future of key US military bases in the Philippines.

national security. "The sisterly Republic of Irao, while exercising in assertly respublic of Iraq, while exercising its legitimate right to protect its sovereignty, people, security and stability, is merely exercising a natural privilege specified by laws, traditions and principles, based on justice and national responsibility," he added. Iraqis resident in Jordan sent a message to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein praising him for hang-

An Iraqi diplomat said 150 Iraqi expatriates

gathered at their embassy to denounce Britain and send a cable of support to the Iraqi leader commending his decision to execute Bazoft.

### tions out of the Philippines within a year if no mutually acceptable arrangement was reached on a renewal of US base rights, which expire in 1991. Congressmen regarded statements by Defence Secretary Dick Cheney and US Pacific Commander Adm. Huntington Hardisty as threats and urged Aquino to scrap upcoming talks with the United States and instead serve a notice of termination of the bases pact. talks so that the Philippine side can also present its

# Benazir rallies Punjabi support

### Endorsement of Parliament demanded

ISLAMABAD, March 19, (Reuter): Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, sidestepping opposition demands that she seek fresh endorsement by Parliament, takes her campaign for public support to the heartland of her political foes tomorrow with a huge rally in Lahore.

The raily set for March 20 coincides with the date on which the President's constitutional power to appoint the prime minister lapses and the National Assembly is empowered to elect the

Benazir has shunned repeated opposition demands that she seek re-election by the 237-member National Assembly on March 20, and instead she will go to Lahore, the Punjab power-base of her chief political foe Nawaz Sharif, to prove her popular support.

Political analysts say Benazir. who has strengthened her position since she narrowly defeated a no-confidence vote in the assembly last November, stands to gain further after March 20.

They note Benazir will depend after that date on parliamentary support, which she enjoys, rather than on the discretion of the President who does not belong to her Pakistan People's Party (PPP). The change will also bring wavering deputies to her side, political observers say.

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that Benazir, named prime mini-ster in December 1988 by President Ghulam Ishaq Khan,

must seek re-election. The Combined Opposition Parties (COP) coalition says it will got to court to challenge the prime minister's constitutional right to continue in office.

Government spokesmen say the vaguely worded election provision applies only to a new prime ministerial candidate, not to an incumbent.

The prolonged COP campaign against Benazir received a setback last week when Ishaq Khan appeared to throw his weight behind the prime minister's legal

position. Openly declining to meet the opposition's demand that he ask Benazir to seek re-election, he said: "I don't need to be dictated about what to do or not to do."
His remarks shocked the

opposition which had previously had a sympathetic hearing from a man who shared their close association with late military President Mohammad Zia-ul-



### **Kim for Moscow**

Kim Young-Sam, a co-leader of South Korea's ruling Democratic Liberal Party, left on Monday for Moscow for high-level talks aimed at improving relations with

the Soviet Union. Capitalist South Korea has no full diplomatic relations yet with the Soviet Union, although the two countries have recently expanded trade and set up

limited consular ties. Kim Young-Sam and his wife Sohn Myong-Soon wave to well-wishers at Seoul's Kimpo Airport. (Reuter wirephoto)



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# Nepal extends house arrests of opposition leaders

KATMANDU, March 19, (UPI): The government has extended the house arrests of opposition leaders while giving fresh signals it may be willing to bend on their demand for multi-party democracy, opposition and official sources said today.

The house arrests of three leaders of the banned Nepali Congress Party, already one month old, were extended yesterday for another three months,

The action followed more than a month of ne action tollowed more than a month of nationwide demonstrations and work stoppages led by the Nepali Congress Party and seven other leftist parties that have resulted in thousands of arrests and at least 13 deaths.

The detentions of the Nepali Congress Party's senior leader, Ganesh Man Singh, its acting president, Krishna Prasad Bhattarai, and its Secretary-General, Girija Prasad Koirala, were extended for "personal security" reasons, the sour-

**NEWS IN** 

**Workers freed** 

SEOUL, March 19, (AP): Police

today released all but seven workers

arrested a day earlier in nation-wide labour protests organised by an out-

awed dissident union group, officials

Police officials said 1,552 people, some of them radical students, were

arrested in clashes with riot police in

Seoul, Pusan, Taegu, Taejon,

Inchon, Chonju, Anyang and

NEW DELHI, March 19, (UPI): A

bomb exploded today at a bustling wholesale vegetable market in New

Delhi, killing one person and wound-Police described the bomb as "powerful and a sophisticated device" and said it apparently was left in a bag used for carrying vegeta-

TOKYO, March 19, (AP): Three

shrines in Tokyo were burned to the ground before dawn today, and

police are investigating the possible involvement of ultra-leftist radicals.

No one was hurt in the three separate fires, said an official of the Tokyo metropolitan police depart-

COLOMBO, March 19, (Kuna): Sri Lanka's first Aids infected baby was born today in a state run hospital in capital Colombo a health official said.

The official said, the baby, a boy,

was delivered under safe conditions and precautions will be taken against

other patients contracting the killer

BANGKOK, March 19, (UPI): A young That woman committed suicide by jumping into a pond filled with crocodiles in front of hundreds

of horrified tourists, a police officer

said today. Lt. Col. Sanya Weechareon, a

police inspector of the Paknam police station, said an unidentified

woman in her early twenties died of

multiple bites after jumping into a crocodile pond at the Samut Prakkan

CANBERRA, March 19, (AP):

Searches for a Japanese trawier and a

Panamanian-registered bulk carrier missing off the coast of Western Aus-

tralia continued today without suc-

The boat, with 22 Indon

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Also, Dr Ananda Bhatta, who had been critical of alleged police excesses against female students during and before the movement, was arrested today, opposition sources said.

A top official in Nepal's partyless panchayat system of elective councils said meanwhile in an interview with the official National News Agency that some type of reforms will be made in the system, but reforms should be made only through the constitutional process," said Navaraj Subedi, chairman of the national parliament.

He nevertheless claimed the movement initiated Feb 18 by the eight opposition parties "is not a people's movement. It is clear that the movement's proponents have been rejected and denied popular

upport."
King Birendra hinted last week at making

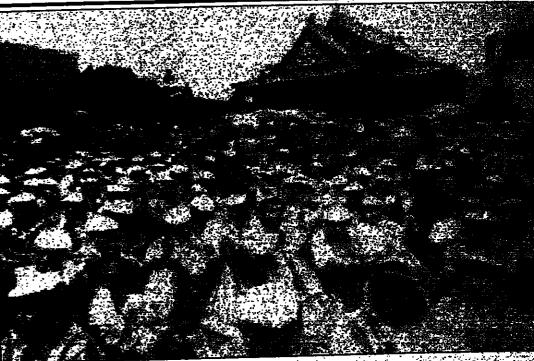
his overtures were rejected by opposition leaders who have insisted on the full restoration of the multi-party democracy the king's father aboushed

Also, Krishna Pahadi, a local organiser with the London-based human rights group Anmesty laternational, was reported in serious condition while continuing a hunger strike he began Feb 16 to protest prison conditions.

Pahadi was first arrested in Biratnagar in south

east Nepal, and later transfeired to a ranote hiliful in Tehrathum, where he was continuing the last as of Friday, his relatives said.

Many prisoners detained during the movement, especially those agreeted in Kahnandu, have been transferred to remote jails where conditions are worse, opposition sources said.



**Taiwan protest** 

Taiwan students protecting themselves from a steady rain, cheer political speeches in Taiwan's normal apolitical students are now demanding more democracy. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Fernandes gets hostile reception from office

First foray outside Srinagar

SRINAGAR, India, March 19, (Reuter): India's new minister for Kashmir was greeted with hostility today as he made his first foray outside Srinagar, the centre of an anti-Indian uprising.

"The people of Kashmir are angry, which I could feel wherever I went," Minister George Fernandes told repor-

Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir state's summer capital, into ages and small towns.

by hostile crowds chanting secessionist slogans for largely India's

velled. Most shopkeepers pulled down their shutters as Fernandes arrived, apparently fearing more of the trouble in which over 200 people have been killed since

The Japanese-registered trawler Dahlia II placed an emergency radio call on Saturday that was picked up by Indonesia officials. four Japanese on board, was fishing off the island of Java when that region was battered cyclone Alex, a largely been under curfew since a spokesman for the sea safety centre long-simmering secessionist mood exploded into violence.

Fernandes, who is also railways minister, ventured outside

Almost everywhere he was met

only Muslim-majority state.
"We want freedom," they

mid-January.
The Kashmir valley, once a popular tourist spot for its scenic Himalayan views and lakes, has

In Srinagar, curfew breaks have been extended to 12 hours

in recent days, from dawn to just before dark. Many curfew breaks have been marked by demonstrations and attacks by secessionist gun-

trols one-third of Kashmir. Pakistan, which has fought two of its three wars with India over Kashmir, denies the char-

men Delhi alleges are armed and trained by Pakistan, which con-

There was more violence today, even as Fernandes made his tour.

In Srinagar, militants killed telecommunications engineer B.K. Ganjoor.

Two masked gunmen entered Ganjoor's house and shot him dead. They left behind a message claiming responsibility on behalf of the Jammu and Kashmir Students Liberation Front, one of many groups fighting Indian

The message said Ganjoor had been killed because he was a police informer.

# Fugitive gov. removed

MANILA, March 19, (AP). The government today formally removed from office a provincial governor who has been indicted for rebellion and blamed for the killing of a general...

The governor, Rodolfo Aguinaldo, was already in hiding. He was suspended earlier pending a decision on the charge. filed Dec 7, ax days after Aguinaldo spoke over a local radio station in Manike expressing support for mutinous soldiers The rebel soldiers had laun-

ched the sixth and most senous attempt to topple President Corazon Aquino. Aguinaldo was indicted Feb &

27 on a charge of rebellion with murder in connection motiny. The governor, who had a large band of armed supporters. refused to surrender and holed up at a town near the provincial capital of Tuguegarao, 344 kilometres (215 miles) north of Santos and other military

officials tried to negotiate with Aguinaldo for four days, and on Mar 4 the governor and his followers seized a hotel and took Brig. Gen. Oscar Florendo hostage, trapping the secretary on the second floor.



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### PEOPLE AND PLACES

NEW YORK: New York City Mayor David Dinkins says there was a method to his acting debut: let Dinkins be Dinkins.

The mayor started as himself in a cameo role in a new made-in-New-York action adventure television show called "HELP" the series is about people who answer police emergency telephone calls and bail people out of a myriad of urban

Dinkins said playing himself was

sample.
"I know me well," he said. The mayor's part called for him to present a medal for bravery to a heroic firelighter. In the role, Dinkins strides into city hall's blue room site of daily mayoral news conferences — and utters 5f words.

The mayor was paid union scale, \$414, for his 30-minutes work Tuesday. He said he plans to donate it to the Harlem junior tennis programme, which teaches the sport to indigent youth.

Director Janet Greek gushed over Dinkins moonlighting: "He was really great. (AP)

ROME: Italy's top anti-Maija official will appear in court in June to answer charges that he abused his powers and violated the secrety of his office, judicial sources said on Sunday:
Domesico Sica, formerly Italy's

leading anti-terrorism investigator, was appointed anti-Mafia high commissioner in August 1988 with extensive powers to co-ordinate a national crackdown on organised

A Rome public prosecutor has formally accused Sica of abusing his power in his efforts to identify the author of a series of anonymous letters written last summer. The letters accused investigators in Palermo of negligence in their inquiries into the Sicilian Masia.



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Mom, daughter

Elizabeth Morgan (left) meets her 7-year-old daughter Hilary for the first time in 2-1/2 years yesterday. The mother and daughter are seen outside their motel in Christchurch. (Reuter wirephoto)

### **Walter Mack** Pepsi-Cola founder dies

NEW YORK, March 19, (AP): Walter S. Mack, who made Pepsi-Cola into the second-largest selling soft drink in the United States died yesterday after a long illness. He was 94.

Mack died in his sleep at his New York City home, where he had been recuperating from a December bout with pneumonia and heart disease, said his son, Walter S.Mack Jr.

The elder Mack became Pepsi's president in 1938, when the relatively unknown Cola Company was spun off from Loft's Inc., the New York-based candy company. At the time, the company made a syrup formulated by a North Carolina druggist in 1893 that it sold to candy stores.

It made little headway against Coca-Cola until Mack broke Coke's control of the name"cola" in a historic fight.

PRAGUE: President Vaclav Havel opened the first free congress of the Charter 77 human rights group Sunday by saying it was a dream come true.

"I used to have a dream when I was free, but even more often in prison," he told the group in Prague. "It was the dream that all signatories of Charter 77 would meet to talk undisturbed by the police. This dream is coming true

For 13 years, signers of the landmark Czechoslovak human rights Charter of 1977 were unable to find work, harrassed by police

and often imprisoned.
But with the overthrow of the communist regime in Czechoslovakia last year and the advent of democracy, Charter 77 is in the open and trying to redefine its in the open mission. (UPI)

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WASHINGTON: President George Bush reportedly has banned broccoli from a diet known to include pork rinds doused in hot sauce and candy hars crumbled over

> The March 26 issue of US News and World Report said Bush, an avowed vegetable hater and junk-food junkie, decreed that broccoli never be served on air force one, the presidential jet.

Bush, the report said, finally asserted himself after being forced to put up with the vegetable during his eight years as vice-president. The no-broccoli edict raised at least one protest.

"What will parents tell Johnny when he refuses to eat his broccoli or other vegetables?" said Bob Carey of the produce marketing association, "that the president doesn't know what's good for



Album of the Year

Milli Vanilli hold their Juno award atter having their album 'Girl You Know Its True' named best International Album of the Year at anada's annual music award. (Reuter wirephoto)

Traps rapist

### Lizard to the rescue

NAIROBL March 19, (UPI): A giant monitor lizard foiled the escape of a would-be rapist in the Kenyan capital of Nairobi, the Sunday Nation newspaper reported yesterday.

The man, who was not named, had taken flight from a hostile mob at the city's Dandora Hous-ing Estate after he attacked a woman planting vegetables on a plot of land, the paper said. Alerted by the woman's

screams, a crowd armed with rocks, sticks and "pangas" — all — purpose machettes — gave chase before the man could rape his victim.

Plunging across the dull red life, the attacker ducked out of sight down the bank of the narrow, winding Nairobi river and jumped across.

PARIS: The French fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent, 53, was hospitalised on Saturday because of fatigue and will be unable to attend his ready-to-wear show in Paris this week, his fashion house said Monday. A statement from Yves Saint

Laurent's doctor said the designer "was suffering from intellectual fatigue and I advised him to abstain from all activities for several weeks in order to insure a period of total

The world renowned designer's latest creations will be presented this Wednesday at the current Paris fall and winter ready-to-wear shows. (UPI)

NEW YORK: The master of underwater pogo sticking, marathon Yodeling and longdistance juggling has muscled his way into the Ginness Record Book with another peculiar pastime—cranking out 1,551 squat-thrusts in Ashrita Furman, already a Guinness World record-holder a

dozen times over, performed his latest feat Tuesday before awestruck observers in a New York City gymnasium. "I don't think he's human," said the gymnasium's owner Robert



### Di meets dancers

The Princess of Wales meets with lbo tribal dancers outside the governor's lodge on March 18. (Reuter wirephoto)

MINNEAPOLIS: Three NorthWest Airlines pilots accused of flying a commercial jetliner from Fargo, north Dakota, to Minneapolis while intoxicated will appeal their license

revocations, two attorneys said.
The National Transportation Safety Board will hear the appeals April 3, said attorneys representing Robert Kirchner first officer, and Joseph Balzer second officer on the March 8 flight. The Federal Aviation

stration revoked the licenses of Kirchner, Balzer, and Capt. Norman L. Prosse, on March 9 after its investigation showed the cockpit crew boarded the flight within eight hours of drinking, the federal limit. NorthWest fired the three pilots

on Friday after its own investigation, saying they had violated the company's stricter rules prohibiting drinking less than 12 hours before flying. (AP)

ADAMSTOWN, Pennsylvania: The suave man-about-town hunting for the "Dick Tracy" look should be able to get the comic book sleuth's trademark Fedora. George W. Bollman Company,

incorporated, a hatmaker in Adamstown, not far from Philadelphia, is pinning its hopes on the success of the new movie about the square-jawed crime fighter. The moving starring Warren Beatty and Madonna is to be released June 15.

AMERICUS, Georgia: Habitat for Humanity, an organisation that builds housing for the poor, hopes to recruit electrician Lech Walesa and carpenter Jimmy Carter to work on a project in Poland.

Clive Rainey, Habitat's senior associate for development, said he visited Poland recently to lay the groundwork for a project that could nclude renovation and expansion of former government-owned buildings for apartments. (AP)



Whoop! oopy!

Whoopi Goldberg clowns around with a towel on the stage of Radio City music hall in New York. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Nobel prize cash goes up

STOCKHOLM, March 19, (AP): Nobel prize money will be raised by ! million kronor (\$64,000) to 4 million kronor (\$653,000) for each category this year, the head of the Nobel Foundation was quoted as saying

Stig Ramel told the Svenska Dagbladet daily the foundation hoped to increase the prize sum again next year. He said the aim was to make it worth as much, after inflation, as it was in 1901, when the first prize was

In 1990 prices that would require a prize sum of 4.8 million kronor (\$784,000), the newspaper said. The fortune bequeathed to the Nobel prizes in dynamite-inventor Alfred Nobel's 1895 will, fell in value for decades while the money was

tied in low interest rate bonds. The foundation, which handles the fortune, has successfully retaken

ground since the beginning of the 1980s.

Svenska Dagbladet said this year's increase in prize money was secured by a planned sale of the foundation's 22 per cent stake in the real estate company Bevaringen.

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Whitney Houston belts out a song at the concert.

Museum haul worth millions

# Thieves steal masterpieces

Thieves disguised as policemen stole hundreds of millions of dollars worth of European masteroieces, including Rembrandt's only known marine painting, from a private museum after overpowering guards yester-day, authorities said. The thieves, who handcuffed,

maced and blindfolded the security guards, seized a dozen artworks from the museum, including Rembrandt's "Storm on the Sea of Galilee," a Vermeer oil entitled "The Concert," three Degas sketches, a Manet painting and a 12th century BC Chinese

The Vermeer painting was one of only 30 in the world and the Rem-brandt oil the only known seascape by the artist, the museum said. The thieves also stole a second oil painting and an etching by Rembrandt.

The two thieves told security guards at Boston's Isabella Stewart



(Reuter wirephoto)

checking in report of a disturbance when they arrived after midnight.

The guards were discovered handcuffed and blindfolded by a cleaning crew at about 8 am (1300 GMT), said a Federal Bureau of Investigations spokesman.

Associate museum curator Karen Haas said the stolen masterpieces were considered to be worth hundreds of millions of dollars. The museum is insured but we are

doing everything we can to get the word out in hopes of getting these back," Haas told Reuters.
She said the thieves did not damage other art works in the

museum, housed in a replica of a Venetian Palazzo. Gardner was the widow of a 19th century Boston tycoon who devoted her later years to building a collection of old masters and impressionist paintings and Oriental pieces.

"They were people who knew what they wanted and were adept at this type of crime," Boston police spokes-man James Jordan said. The guards were not seriously injured during the robbery, authorities said.

List of stolen art: - Vermeer, The Concert, oil on can-

- Rembrandt, A Lady and Gen*tleman in Black* , oil on canvas. - Rembrandt, The Storm on the Sea of Galilee, vilon canvas,

- Rembran !!, elf-portrait etching, - Govaert Flinck, Landscape with an Obelisk, oil on oak panel. - Manet, Chez Tortoni, oil on can-

- Degas, La Sortie du Pesage, pencil and watercolour on paper.

- Degas, Cortege aux Environs de Florence, pencil and wash on paper. Degas, Three Mounted Jockeys, black ink with flesh, white, and rose washes, on medium brown paper, — Degas, Programme for an Aritistic Sofree, charcoal on white paper.



Sonia Rykiel presents this red, gold, green and blue multi-coloured evening dress with a matching flowing cape and hood. (Reuter wirephoto)

Right: Lacroix model wears a yellow embroidered coat as part of his 1990 Autumn-Winter fashion show. Centre: another model wears an embroidered

### Designers treading water as '90s open

PARIS, March 19, (Reuter): Daunted by the challenge of the 1990s, many fashion designers appear to be resting on their laurels and uncertain of their future

waistcoat over a silk chemise. Left: French designer

French designer Christian Lacroix' autumn and winter collection yesterday, a typically rich pot-pourri of fabrics, textures and colours, had more than a passing resemblance to his spring and summer offering

The lines between the seasons are beginning to blur, and so is the divide between individually-tailored haute couture and mass-produced ready-to-wear.

Most of Lacroix' pret-a-porter now looks ornate enough to have priced itself out of the mass market. Jewelled tassles swing from Spanish hats, gold shone from necklaces, earrings, brooches and boots, coloured stones were sewn into hats and handbags and tweed jackets were woven with glitter threads or sewn

with sparkling designs.

A velvet jacket with a provencal print was worn over highland tartan slacks, and shawls and capes were lined with "Wild West" fringes in a collection the stylist described as suited to the nomads of modern life.

Lacroix has lost none of his daring feel for colours, successfully combining a bright fuschia jacket with a red velvet hood and rust-coloured suede boots.

But the end result was too rich for many tastes and some of the strongest outfits were the simplest - tight black leggings worn under a little trapezium jacket in Lacroix' signature pink or a clinging harlequin cat-suit of multicoloured lozenges.

The pink cropped up again with Italian designer Enrico Coveri, who has clearly decided this winter will be a riot of colour -- fuschia, :-mato, orange, pink, mauve, yellow — anything by: black.

Coveri's collection was a tribute to the 1960s. Models with cindy-doll hair styles swung onto the catwalk in sleeveless mini dresses, belted low at the hips and draped with gold-chained medallions. Coveri, who draw an audience of Italian person-

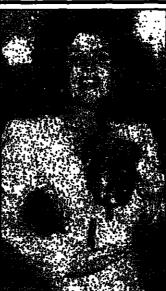
alities which included film onica Vitti, also showed his versions of the house, aupe coats, quilted wraps and suede and high suede boots currently in

Japanese designer Issey Mi, take spent very little time on wearable clothes on Saturday before launching into an obsessive tale of pleats, pleats and more pleats. After a "deconstructivist" line where he pulled

trouser suits apart and attached the remaining pieces of lapel and torso together with braces, Miyake indulged in his favourite hobby - creating works of art out of intricate ruffs and tucks.

Material fell in drapes from the shoulders of trench coats where the collars fanned out into a complex pattern of folds and waves. Pleats concertina'd into pear-shaped balloon dresses or were spiked for sharpedged minis.







Alannah Myles celebrates with Christopher Ward

(shown together) for single of the year 'Black Velvet'.

Actress Collins shows off her award (second from





the ceremony (tnird left) Lansbury congratulates John Thaw (together right), after he was awarded television's best actor 1990. (Reuter wirephoto)

# **'Dead Poets** Society' tops

LONDON, March 19, (AP): Five top contenders for US Oscars won British Academy awards yesterday with the American drama Dead Poets

Society named best film of 1989. Pauline Collins was named best actress for her portraval in Shirley Valentine of a housewife who escapes boredom in Liverpool and finds fulfilment in

Daniel Day Lewis took best actor honours for his portrayal of crippled Irish writer Christy Brown in My Left Foot. Accepting the award from actress Angela Landsbury, Day Lewis expressed his "lasting admira-

tion" for the late writer. Kenneth Branagh was named best director for Henry V, in which he played the title role. The 29-year-old actor had also been nominated for best actor.
American writer Nora Ephron

walked off with the award for best original screenplay for When Harry Met Sally, a comedy about a decade-long friendship that turns into love.

Dead Poets Society, the story of an inspirational boardingschool teacher played by Robin Williams, beat My Left Foot. Shirley Valentine and When Harry Met Sally for the best film

Maurice Jarre's music for Dead Poets Society was honoured for best original film score. Miss Collins, Day Lewis, Branagh, Ephron and the Dead ated for Academy awards, which will be announced in Los Angeles next Monday.

The British Academy of Film

and Television Arts Awards

films released in Britain in 1989. Oscar hopefuls such as Driving Miss Daisy, Born on the Fourth of July and The Fabulous Baker Boys did not open in time to be considered. Dangerous Liaisons, a 1988 Oscar nominee, received 10 Brit-

ish nominations and won two awards: Michelle Pfeiffer was named best supporting actress for her portrayal of the virtuous woman led astray and Christopher Hampton won for best adapted screenplay.

In the US Oscars, Miss Pfeiffer is nominated as best actress for her role as a nightblub singer in The Fabulous Baker Boys.

Irish actor Ray McAnally won a posthumous award as best supporting actor for his role as Christy Brown's father in My Left Foot, his final film role before he died last year. The choice was greeted with cheers.

The best film in a foreign language was Frenchman Bertrand Tavernier's Life and Nothing But about the emotional havoc wrought by World War I.

A host of celebrities from both sides of the Atlantic attended the black-tie awards ceremony at the Grosvenor House hotel.

## Stars turn out for Aids concert

NEW YORK, March 19, (AP): Some of the biggest names in the music industry turned out Saturday night for a benefit concert billed as the single largest fundraising event for Aids.

The "That's What Friends Are For" concert at Radio City Music Hall was expected to raise between 2 million and \$3 million. Carly Simon, Whitney Houston, Air Supply, The Eurythmics, Dionne Warwick, Jernaine Jackson, Daryl Hall and John Oates, Patti Smith, Milli Vanilli and Kenny G. were among those artists scheduled to perform.

The concert was sponsored by Arista records, which was celebrating its 15th

Proceeds from the concert were earmarked for the Gay Men's Health Crisis and other Aids organizations.

The Health Crisis Group, founded in 1981, has over 1,600 volunteers who provide support services to more than 2,700 people with Aids. The organisation also advocates public education on the fatal disease.



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# \_igachev ridicules Gorby policies

MOSCOW, March 19, (UPI): Politburo hardliner Yegor Ligachev ridiculed Mikhail Gorbachev's agricultural plans for private homesteads, his concept of a common civilisation in Europe and his reform of the party, the Pravda newspaper said yesterday.

Ligachev's speech at the Central Committee plenum last week, published by the daily Communist Party newspaper, was his most forceful and bitter criticism of the Soviet President's policies seen in print in the country.

He said creating the post of president of the Soviet Union was necessary "but by

Soviet

army hit

by wave

of killings

LONDON, March 19, (AP): An unprecedented wave of murders

of Soviet military officers claimed 59 victims last year, ran-

ging in rank from lieutenant to

general, a military affairs new-

today by the respected Jane's

information group, says the mur-

ders "appear to be part of the

current move of antipathy felt

toward the armed forces, par-

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The report said last year's vic-tims included Lt. Igor Kholos-

tyakov, stabbed 14 times while

returning to his unit one night;

Maj. Sergei Kommissarov, 37, a

research worker in an institute:

Capt. Lt. Sergei Zadoyan, 27, a

submariner murdered while

home on leave; Lt. Col. Vladimir

Bazhanov, 38, commander of a

road construction battalion.

It said "very few (of the mur-

ders) have been solved," and

Soviet authorities are disturbed

that local law enforcement agen-

cies "are either incapable of or

not interested in carrying out any

"In the case of Lt. Kholos-

tyakov, the police official arrived

to 'survey the scene,' while his

dog promptly fell asleep. That

was nine months ago; since then

nothing further has been done to

bring the murderer(s) to justice,"

It said a special section has

been set up in the top military

prosecutor's office to liaise with

local police and law offices, and

new security guidelines are being

The reported murders come

against a backdrop of rapidly

rising crime rates in the Soviet

Union. The murders were first

brought to public notice in Jan-

uary in a speech by army Gen. Mikhail Moiseev, chief of the

general staff, to the Soviet Parliament.

Soviets begin

tank scandal

MOSCOW, March 19, (UPI):

Government prosecutors have begun an investigation of a state

co-operative that tried to illegally export the latest Soviet

battle tanks in a major scandal involving high government figures, the Tass news agency

Soviet President Mikhail Gor-

bachev promised on Wednesday

a quick investigation into the activities of the ANT Co-

operative after Premier Nikolai

Ryzhkov threatened to resign

when a legislator said he signed the papers for the concern.

The scandal originated in late

December when the ANT Co-

operative standing in Russian for

automation, science and tech-

nology tried to export a trainload

of T-72 battle tanks through the

Black Sea port of Novorossisk, Tass said. The tanks were seized.

Anatoly Sobchak, a Lenin-

grad lawyer and a rising leg-islative star, linked Ryzhkov's

name with the co-operative dur-

ing a speech at the Congress of

People's Deputies that left the

normally calm Ryzhkov fuming

and threatening to resign.

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itself the post will not bring the country out of its deep crisis. This can be done only by the Communist Party and the Soviets (republican parliaments and city coun-

Ligachev also said he fully supported the Congress of People's Deputies resolu-tion that Lithuania's declaring independence was illegal and invalid.

He said that Gorbachev's plans for private farming would not feed the nation in 10 years, that socialism was being sacrificed in Eastern Europe making Nato Party was being transformed into a social democratic body.

Ligachev, now in charge of agriculture. said the countryside needs material and financial infusions not laws about leaving the collective farms to set up private hom-

"The countryside is so technically and socially backward, and the material base for preserving and processing agricul-turals products has been so neglected that without significant increases in financial help and deliveries of farming material. there can be no talk of a sufficiency of food the peasants the land, let us make them masters of the land and everything will start to take off," he said.

"I also want the peasants to be the masters of their land, but to put it simply, a pitchfork and a shovel, are just not enough

to feed the country."

He also said that certain forces were using the slogans of perestroika to turn the Communist Party into a Social Democratic Party, to introduce private property and restore capitalist produc-tion, all the time pointing to Eastern

## Challenge to Maggie inevitable: **Tory critics**

LONDON, March 19, (Reuter): Conservative critics of embattled Prime Minister Margaret That-

Prime Minister Mangaret That-cher warned yesterday that a ren-ewed challenge to her leadership looked inevitable in the autumn. The warning came hours after Thatcher launched a counter-attack on dissenting voices within her Conservative Party and yowed to fight on as leader to win a fourth successive general election vic-

A former government minister, who asked not to be identified, told Britain's Press Association news agency that a leadership battle was "almost inevitable" this autumn if the government's

problems did not ease.

Right-wing Conservative
Member of Parliament Terry
Dicks called on Thatcher to quit "sooner rather than later and cer-

tainly before a general election."
Thatcher and the Conservative Party, in power since 1979, are losing support because of unpopular economic policies, reforms to the state-run National Health Service and high inflation and interest rates.

A new local tax to be introduced next month has sparked nation-wide protests that have often degenerated into near-riots.

Tomorrow Chancellor of the Exchequer John Major will unveil an annual budget seen as crucial for the government's future prosp-

Opinion polls this weekend indicated that the Conservatives were heading for their worst by-election defeat in more than half a century in their formerly safe seat of Mid-Staffordshire on Thurs-

A survey in the Independent on Sunday said 56 per cent of those questioned would vote for the opposition Lawour Party and 28 per cent for the Conservatives.

Thatcher pledged yesterday to fight hard to win the next election. which she must call before mid-1992, but admitted it would be a tough battle.
"We have the best direction, the

best vision and the capacity to stick to our guns," Thatcher told the Smaday Express newspaper.

"I have always found elections tough. I never assumed that we would win," she said. "We fight every inch of the way."

She dismissed remoters of a plot against her by a dissident group of Conservative Members of Parliament. "I do not believe there are many

doing that," she said. "Th majority have stayed remarkably

But Conservative parliamen-tarian Richard Shepherd said on television the party must be whether the government would be better served by someone other than Mrs Thatcher."

The Sunday Times said the Conservatives were finalising new internal election rules designed to make a leadership battle more dif-ficult but critics said almost anybody could win enough sup-

port to force a challenge.

Former Defence Secretary
Michael Heseltine is mounting a thinly-disguised campaign for the future leadership of the party but has said he will not stand against Thatcher.

### Consult EEC before merger, Kohl urged

PARIS, March 19, (Reuter): President Jacques Delors said today West Germany must consult its European partners before niting with East Germany.

Delors, speaking on French Radio, also called on Chancellor Helmut Kohl to make a political gesture to confirm West Germany's commitment to integration of the 12-nation European Economic Community (EEC).

Saying a unified Germany meant a technical adhesion of East Germany to the EEC, Delors said: "West Germany cannot do that without consultations with its partners and the European Commission."

Delors said moves towards European integration were "advancing for the moment. But Chancellor Kohl must make a political gesture to confirm West Germany's full involvement in European construction,

especially in political unity.

"And the 11 other countries must say if they are ready to participate with West Germany in adapting the East German economy to the benefit of the European Economic Community," he added.

East German conservatives, a coalition heavily backed by Kohl, won their country's first free election on Sunday and set course firmly towards a single German state.



**Protest** 

Greco-Catholic priests officiating at a Sunday service in Clui, Romania, serio of the statue of Mathias Rex, thus protesting against their not having activities their own. (Reuter wirephoto)

# Berlin becomes focus of unity

EAST BERLIN, March 19, (Reuter): Election-fever crowds delick champagne surged through Berlin as the city celebrated a massive in favour of a rapid transition to a united Germany.

affluent West Berlin as people celebrated Sunday's polls decision ditch their worries and join the West.

Thousands of revellers turned out on a halmy spring night festivities suggesting that Berlin will regain its role as the hab of a and

Germany. "It was like black and white," leather-jacketed Frank Unger said of the election choice as he returned from a stroll in the West

with his girlfriend and a half-empty bottle of wine. "Things have got to change fast, so there's no point trying to hold on to a social security sys-tem we can't pay for," the 29-year-old bricklayer said.

Unger was one of milions of East Germans who voted two to one for the Christian Democrats (CDU) against the Social Democrats (SPD), preferring the conservative path to rapid unity.

over left-wing caution. The suede, cashmere and cufflinks of affluent West Germany rubbed shoulders with the acrylics and stone-washed den-ims of the East of the packed pavements of East Bertin, lit up like a Christmas tree for the

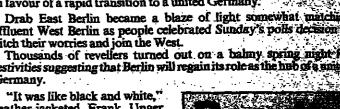
People drank sparking wine as they strolled through the balmy evening. Sleek limousines from the West and plasticbodied trabants from the East blended into a single river of light

on the broad boulevards. Only a shortage of neon and over-filled shop windows distinguished the Alexanderplatz Square from West Berlin's flashy city centre.
"Berlin stays red," was the

chant from a hundred or so youths who marched around in a small but boisterous demonstra-

Some passers-by in the traditionally left-leaning capital applauded but rival groups, flu-shed with the right's election victory jeered back.

At the historic Brandenburg Gate, Wolfgang Gerlach wan-dered westward home with new worries. "I think the East Germans are deluding themselves," he said. "They believe the mighty



EAST BERLIN, March 19, (AP)
Following are the final officer
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number of seats in the new 400
member parliament.
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40.01 per cent 164 seats.

40.91 per cent, 164 seats
Social Democratic Party

21.84 per cent. 87 seats
Party of Democratic Socialism
—16.33 per cent. 65 seats
—German Social Union — 6.2
per cent. 25 seats per cent, 25 seats
Union of Free Democrats, its
Liberals — 5.28 per cent, 21 seats
Alliance 90 (New Forms
Democracy Now, Initiative Peaco
and Human Rights) — 2.96 per

cent. Il seats Democratic Farmers Party 2.19 per cent, nine seats Greens and Independen Women's Union — 1.96 per cent

eight seats
Democratic Awakening — 0.97 per cent, four seats
National Democratic Party

0.39 per cent, two seats
Democratic Women's Union—
0.33 per cent, one seat
United Left—0.18 per cent, one

at Alternative Youth Last — 0.13 per cent, one seat

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"The West German CDU sn
ply overran the country," said b
friend Michael Soelings.
"There was something no
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about it."

But they said Berlin his become "a world city again."
The people of Leipzig, will launched East Germany's and communist revolution with has street demonstrations, shund public rejoicing as results rolls in from the country's first in



East German Prime Minister Hans Modrow (left) and Party for Democratiscular leader Gregor Gysi hug each other at campaign headquarter (Restar wheelballs) (Reuter wirephoto)

# products for five to 10 years," he said. stronger and that the ruling Communist War of nerves over Lithuania

# Vilnius delegation arrives in Moscow

MOSCOW, March 19, (Agencies): The Kremlin and the leadership of self-proclaimed independent Lithuania were engaged in a war of nerves ahead of a Moscow deadline today to retract last week's declaration of

independence by the Baltic republic.

The Soviet government today denied Lithuania's claims of unusual troop manoeuvres in the Baltic republic and warned foreign countries

against recognising its recent declaration of independence.

The Soviet parliament began consideration of a vital law on secession amid reports from Vilnius that Soviet aircraft buzzed the Lithuanian capital in low-level swoops yesterday and that Soviet Army troops and tanks were on the move in various parts of the republic.

# Nationalists win in Latv

quoted the Defence Ministry as saying: "There are no major manoeuvres under way in Lithuania. Armed forces activities republic's first free elections in 50 years. But initial results are in accordance with current

military training plans." Elections held in five Soviet republics, including the country's Slavic heartland, produced mixed results amid a low turnout which may annul a wide series of contests.

Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennadi Gerasimov

Several top Communist Party officials won seats on Moscow's. city council, but in Leningrad reformers nearly scored a clean sweep of seats to local authorities and the Russian parliament.

A spokesman for the Lithuanian parliament's information office said the republic's newly elected president had discussed the manoeuvres with senior Soviet Baltic military officers.

Journalists said he also told them why Lithuanians objected to their presence "as occupiers" in the republic. Lithuania was incorporated

into the Soviet Union in 1940 like

its fellow Baltic states Latvia and Estonia. Officials said the Communica tions Ministry had announced that telephone lines abroad were out of service for two days for

"technical repairs." Residents of Vilnius and Kaunas — Lithuania's two largest cities — said military planes had flown low over the area throughout the day and quoted relatives as saying troops had entered outlying villages in force.

"Most city residents just dismissed all this as a bad ploy," said one Vilnius journalist. "It may have had more effect in the villages, where people were probably more intimidated."

The declaration by Lithuania's parliament crowned two MOSCOW, March 19, (AP): Latvia's independence-minded People's Front emerged victorious today after the

showed it failed to achieve a parliament majority needed to press for independence. Reformists claimed many victories in runoff elections held yesterday in Russia, Byelorussia and the Ukraine, the Slavic heartland that accounts for about 80 per cent of the Soviet Union's territory and two-thirds of its population.

Activists had hoped that yesterday's elections to ariaments in Latvia and Estonia, annexed by the Soviet Union in 1940, would follow the lead of nearby Lithuania and bring independence supporters to power. Lithuania's parliament was taken over by independence supporters in February and early March elections, and the legislators declared Lithuania independent on March 13.

The Soviet Congress declared the move illegal and

President Mikhail Gorbachev on Friday gave the republic three days to respond. He later offered to have talks with

A delegation of legislators headed by former Lithuanian President Algirdas Brazauskas arrived in Moscow with a response today, just as the deadline was expiring.

Larvia followed Lithnania and legalised alternative political parties several months ago. No such move was made in Estonia but a variety of parties put forward candidates without interference. The Soviet Congress legalised multiple political parties for the whole country to the properties.

In Latvia, People's Front supporters won 108 mandates to the 201-seat parliament, a large majority among the 170 legislators elected, according to initial results cited by the Soviet Tass agency.



Gorbachev talks to reporters after casting his ballot in the second round of elections in the Russian federation. (Reuter

years of rising national consciousness under Gorbachev's perestroika reforms. But so far no other government has recognised the proclamation.

Economists say Moscow has a number of ways to put pressure on Lithuania, including its control of communications and the republic's lack of fuel and other raw materials.

Nikolai Medvedev, one of

bachev, said Lithuania could not accept Gorbachev's warning last Friday giving the republic three days to retract its independence

declaration.
"We shall ask him once again to start negotiations with us on Lithuanian independence."

Gorbachev, speaking to reporters outside a Moscow polling station, indicated fresh willingness to talk as he did follexecutive president last Thurs-

day.
"Above all there was no ultimatum," he said, adding that the decision had "surprised many of us, including in Lithuania. Nevertheless, we will hold discussions."

The Postfactum news agency also reported that radical economist Gavril Popov had defeated a district party secretary to



### Soviet Union leaving Mongolia as it found it — an impoverished orphan

ULAN BATOR, March 19, (Reuter): The Soviet Union is relinquishing its 69-year-old role as Mongolia's debt-mother, but many people here say it is leaving the country as it found it — an impoverished

orphan. Newly former democratic parties and an emboldened official press have in recent months launched an unprecedented deluge of criticism against Moscow, and the government seems content to let the

acrimony continue.
"I do not think it is wrong to criticise (the Soviet Union) since shortcomings in our relations do exist," said Gomboshaviyn Otshirbat in his first news conference last week after being elected gen-

eral secretary of the Communist Party.
The Soviet Red Army marched into a war ravaged and starving Mongolia in 1921. It quickly eradicated all foreign influence, particularly Chinese and Japanese, and nurtured an obedient government

loyal to Moscow's command.

Over the next seven decades the Soviet Union built almost all of Mongolia's infrastructure, trained its personnel, sup-plied loans and grants which remain its economic lifeblood and provided a market for 85 per cent of the landlocked country's

But it also presided over the desecration

of Buddhist monasteries, the killing of top monks, political purges, the suppression of Mongolian culture and the creation of a social system giving resident Soviets privilege denied local people.

"Our relationship is very complicated," said a journalist working for the official Monstame News Agency.
"It is something like the relationship of a

cruel stepmother to an orphan she does not like but is forced to keep," said the journalist who did not want to be identified. Mongolia's role as a buffer between the Soviet Union and China is also less vital now than in the 1960s when Soviet and Chinese troops clashed across their disputed common borders. This vast territory of desert and mountains three times the size of France shares a long southern border with China and is surrounded elsewhere by the Soviet

Last May, China and the Soviet Union repaired a 30-year-old rift, making Mon-golia less important to Moscow, diplomats

Moscow agreed this month to complete a withdrawal of a total of 65,000 Soviet troops by the end of 1991.

But as the disliked military presence ends, so will Soviet credit and technical



Good life for few

CUBAN President Fidel Castro has told Brazilians that the capitalist system is only giving the good life to about 20 countries and is not helping the rest of the The Cuban communist leader, whose country is looking more isolated

because of the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe, told a news conference in Sac Paulo on Sunday night: "Capitalism stimulates the worst instincts of mankind."

with guns and knives, police said. Two black police officers assigned to

guard the chief were among the dead and nine people were wounded,

assault rifle and other weapons, police said. Inhabitants of the Kraal

The attackers hurled hand grenades and opened fire with an AK-47

# es Savage SA black infighting; 24 killed

### Angry mob attacks Zulu chief's home in Natal

JOHANNESBURG, March 19, (AP): At least 24 people were killed in savage fighting between rival black factions, including 15 men who died when the home of a tribal chief was attacked with rifles and grenades,

A mob attacked a Zulu chief's Kraal or home yesterday at Njobokazi near Hammersdale in Natal and slaughtered many of the inhabitants

Police reported nine other people killed over the weekend, most of them in factional fighting in Natal. Police used shotguns and teargas to disperse a number of protests in black townships in several areas, they

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The independent South African Press Association reported at least four people were shot and wounded today in lighting in a black township outside Johannesburg. The news agency said a mob burned down shops belonging to an unpopular

black businessman before police dis-persed them with tear gas. More than 300 people have died in South Africa in a wave of mainly mack factional violence during the past month. The violence is the worst

to hit the country since major riots during the mid-1980s. The Citizen newspaper reported today that security officials were worried about a possible violent white backlash against the growing black unrest. At least one white has been killed and several injured in

recent days after being caught up in biack factional fights. In the Njobokazi incident, local reporters, who asked not to be named, said the chief was a leader of the Inkatha political movement of the Zulu tribe and the attackers members of the United Democratic

Front. Police had no comment on the Some 3,000 people have been killed in Natal in recent years in lighting beween the conservative Inkatha movement and the radical UDF.

Both movements are anti-apartheid, Jut differ over the makeup of a future Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi said last night that only security forces can end the fighting in Natal even though political leaders must

help ease tension.
Buthelezi said he was ready to meet with African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela and possibily tour areas hit by violence with him to

Mandela, releaseed last month after 27 years in jail, went to Natal to appeal for an end to the violence last month, but the fighting has not

Mandela and Buthelezi are to meet soon to try and resolve their group's differences. Mandela has blamed the violence on what he says are repressive policies of the white minority

Rioting, looting, and in particular, random attacks on whites, are giving the African National Congress a bad me, a black leader told a rally yes-

There is no way in which a riot, the looting of shops ... can be under-stood to advance our struggle, United Democratic Front leader Patril Lekota told an ANC raily in the Indian township of Lenasia, west

of Johannesburg.
"There is no way in which the killing of an ordinary white traveller passing the townships...can advance our struggle," Lekota said.

### Hurd in South Africa for talks on economy, security

most of them seriously, they said.

were gunned down as they fled, they said.

CAPE TOWN, March 19, (Reuter): British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd arrived in South Africa today for a 24-hour visit, the first high-level foreign visitor since President F.W. de Klerk announced sweeping reforms last

Hurd is due to meet government and opposition leaders including De Klerk before flying to Namibia for celebra-tions marking its independence from South Africa.

"I look forward to getting the flavour ... seeing for myself something on the ground," Hurd said on arrival.

He was met by South African Foreign Minister Pik
Botha who said South Africa welcomed the first cabinetlevel visit from Britain since Sir Geoffrey Howecame to the country in 1986.

"We will exchange ideas on development in Southern Africa as a whole, its economic future and the security

Hurd said Britain was encouraged by apartheid reforms announced by De Klerk in a speech to parliament on Feb 2. "We have worked long and spoken hard for the disposal of apartheid and because of that we were very struck by the bold measures announced by President De Klerk as a step

Britain broke ranks with its European Economic Community partners by easing sanctions in response to De Klerk's reforms under which he lifted the ban on the African National Congress and released its leader Nelson

Hurd was scheduled to meet De Klerk this afternoon and to give a news conference in the evening. Embassy officials said be would fly to Namibia tomorrow for the



**Ballet about Indians** 

Brazil's rich and powerful file into the Teatro Amazonas, a 19th century opera house that was built in the middle of the Amazon jungle by rubber barons, it was recently restored for \$8 million and gave its first performance since 1907 on Saturday with a ballet about Indians. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Voice-activated typewriter unveiled

NEWTON, Massachusetts, March 19, (AP): A new, voice-activated "typewriter" is a science-fiction dream-turned-reality that promises to boost productivity and open a world of opportunity for the han-

dicapped.

The Dragondictate voice-typewriter, which was being formally unveiled today by Dragon Systems Inc., is billed as the first of its kind in the world.

"My only regret is that your product didn't come out
20 years ago," Frank Whitney, a quadriplegic
Maryland computer scientist, told the company in a
letter written on the system. Whitney has used the

The "typewriter," which consists of software and a speech-recognition circuit board for personal computers, allows users to create memos, manuscripts and other documents by speaking instead of typing. Users speak into a microphone and see text appear on a video screen at the rate of 35 words a minute.

The \$9,000 system can recognise 30,000 words and adapt itself to individual speakers. Until now, voiceactivated systems had not been able to recognise more than 5,000 words.

The commands are simple. To turn off the system, one says, "voice console: Go to sleep." To turn it on, the command is "voice console: wake up."

### Bush men divided on cut in

defence

WASHINGTON, March 19, (AP): Disagreement inside President George Bush's adminis-tration over the future of drastic changes in the Soviet Union is raising new questions about the size of the US defence budget. CLA director William Webster

testified earlier this month that political changes in the Soviet bloc are irreversible, but Defence Secretary Dick Chency has maintained that Moscow could reassume its former confrontational

Treasury Secretary Nicholas S. Brady said yesterday the administration is sticking with Chency's proposed \$3.2-billion cut in inflation-adjusted defence spending for fiscal 1991 beginning next Oct 1.

But Webster's testimony is one indication of disagreement within the administration, particularly between Cheney and White House budget director Richard Darman. over whether bigger defence cuts might be acceptab

A senior White House official who refused to allow his name used was quoted by the New York Times yesterday as saying the "irreversibility" of changes in the Soviet Union makes deeper military spending cuts possible.

The newspaper quoted senior administration officials as saying they were willing to acquiesce to total cuts of \$10 billion to 11 billion, but adding that Cheney was fighting "the emerging consensus" for such cuts.

Such a cut would produce a fiscal 1991 defence budget of \$296 billion to 297 billion, roughly the same as this year, compared to the \$303-billion spending plan that Bush submitted to Congress in

Brady yesterday called the Times story inaccurate, saying,
"I've sat in all of these discussions and there has been no talk about a \$10-billion cut."

Meanwhile, senate budget com-

mittee chairman Jim Sasser

called for a \$20-billion cut in the military budget or "3 per cent less for defence than what we spent last

Bolstering the case for further slashes in defence spending was a comment by the House of Representatives's Armed Services Committee chairman last week.

Representative Les Aspin said the US military now believes the United States and its allies could fight and hold off the Soviet Union in Europe without resorting to nuclear weapons.

"I look at this net assessment and I say, we win. We can go the other way. Nato wins, the good guys win," Aspin said.

### Floods kill 8, leave 3,500 homeless in Alabama

ELBA, Alabama, March 19, (AP): Two days of flooding across south Alabama left at least 3,500 people nomeless and killed eight others by yesterday and one town remained a muddy pond a day after its levee

"I cannot begin to imagine everything that's been lost or damaged," said US Rep. Bill Dickinson after taking a helicopter tour of Elba. where 1,500 people were evacuated after the Pea river levee ruptured

Saturday.
Sixteen inches (40 centimetre) of rain had fallen in the area in the two days before the earthen barrier gave way. Water covered all but the tops of lirst-story windows at the Coffee county courthouse, and the city's three public schools were still sub-

About 45 miles (72 kilometres) downsteam in Geneva, emergency workers shored up another levee and continued evaucating residents, who started leaving their homes Friday

night.
Rivers throughout southern
Alabama swelled to as much as 21 feet (6.5 metres) above flood levels yesterday as the water from the nearly non-stop rains drained toward the Gulf of Mexico. A small aftershock of the quake

that rocked Upland last month jolted southern Californians awake early yesterday, but no damage or injuries were reported. The aftershock struck at 5:56 am

(1356 GMT) and measured 3.3 on the Richter scale, said Robert Finn, a spokesman for the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. Its epicentre was 3 miles (5 kilometres) northwest of Upland, he

Tekere helped Mugabe form the Zanu (PF) in 1963 and was third-in-command as secretary-general. He has campaigned against corruption and what he calls failed socialist programme. He also has opposed Mugabe's 10-year-old goal of making Zimbabwe — one of Africa's few Western-style democracies — a one-party

"That system has failed in Eastern Europe and everywhere else," Tekere has said, "and it simply hasn't worked here. People are poorer than they were under white rule."

Avril loyalists attack: Machete-wielding supporters of ousted military ruler General Prosper Avril attacked and injured eight nuns at an elite religious school on Sunday, nuns at St. Rose de Lima said. Three of the wounded were French.

"As they were beating us they accused us of being responsible for Avril's departure," one of the nuns said. Four of the eight nuns were taken to a nearby hospital and one was

Political and diplomatic sources had voiced fears in the past week that the dreaded Tontons Macoute would strike hard to regain the power they feel they lost when Avril resigned on March 10. (Reuter)

Sought for questioning: The FBI said Sunday it had arrested the younger of two brothers wanted for questioning in the bombing of a US Drug Enforcement Administration office.

The firebombing of the DEA office early Saturday, which caused \$4

million in damage but no injuries, came two days after the brothers were indicted on drug charges.

John Lewis Ciganek, 22, was arrested Sunday morning, said special agent Brian Kensel, spokesman for the FBI team investigating the DEA

"He is now in the custody of the FBI, but only on the drug charges,"
Kensel said, declining to give details of the arrest. "There have been no
warrants issued in connection with the explosion." (AP)

Support for Unita rebels: Soviet-backed Angola condemned the United States on Sunday for "stubbornly" continuing to support rightist rebels fighting its rule and demanded Washington's neutrality in

the 15-year-old civil war.

Foreign Minister Pedro de Castro Van-Dunem told his Soviet counterpart Eduard Shevardnadze that Angola blamed Washington for helping to fuel the government's war with insurgents of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita).

He told Shevardnadze, in Luanda on the first leg of a 10-day tour of southern Africa, that Angola was seeking international help to repair damage done by guerrillas in recent raids. (Reuter)

Mauritania mediation: The leaders of Guinea and Gambia arrived in Nouakchott today for a one-day visit to Mauritania and Senegal as part of mediation efforts to reconcile the two West African General Lansana Conte of Guinea and Gambian President Dawda

Jawara made no statement at the airport and went straight into talks with Mauritanian President Maaouya Ould Sid'ahmed Taya. (Reuter) North African identity cards: Five North African states took

one step closer to forming a common market at the weekend when they agreed in principle to introduce common identity cards and relax travel An official statement said interior ministers from the five members of the Arab Maghreb Union — Mauritania, Algeria, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia — met in the Mauritanian capital Nouakchott and urged

removal of all obstacles to free movement among them and standardisation of administrative and security procedures. (Reuter) Rebels kill captain: Suspected Muslim secessionist rebels killed a

captain and wounded another officer and three other companions in an ambush in the southern Philippines Monday, a military commander Col. Patiyok Macugar, military and police commander of Maguindanao province, said about 20 rebels ambushed Capt. Julhani Usman and his four companions along a highway in a village of Parang, about

880 kms (550 miles) south of Manila. Among those wounded were another captain and a corporal, who were on a jeep going back to Usman's base in this southern city after shopping in Cotabato city, 24 kms (15 miles) to the south. (AP)

## Bid to defuse row over

fishing Morocco and the European Community began talks in Rabat today in a bid to defuse a dispute with Spain over fishing rights in Morocco's coastal waters.

A row blew up on March 8 when Spanish fishing fleets began a blockade of southern ports in Spain to protest a tenfold increase in fines imposed by Morocco for fishing violations.

A senior government official said Morocco would not necessarily impose the maximum fines set in January, which range from 625 to \$1 million depending on the gravity of the offence and the size of the vessel involved.

He said Morocco was willing to reach an accommodation and give foreign fleets legal guarantees under the four-year fishing accord signed in 1988 with the

"We have accepted Spain's request for today's meeting as a token of goodwill," he added.

The agreement allows about 700 boats based in southern Spain and the Canary Islands and 75 from Portugal to operate in Moroccan coastal waters, reputed to be among the richest fishing grounds in the world for sardines, tuna and squid.

### Invasion tunnel

SEOUL, March 19, (AP): South Korean desence officials said today they believed a tunnel recently discovered under the border between South and North Korea was maintained by the North Koreans until

South Korean troops, assisted by US military engineers, unearthed a large tunnel inside the demilitarised zone dividing the two Koreas in an eastern sector of the Korean front

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Mugabe, 66, said of Edgar Tekere, his former confidante and co-founder of the ruling party.

Mugabe made the charge in an address to 40,000 suporters in the eastern frontier city of Mutare, Tekere's traditional tribal stronghold. He did not elaborate on Tekere's alleged plot. Tekere, 52, was fired from the Zimbabwe African National Union (Patriotic Front) in

Mugabe accuses rival leader Tekere of plotting assassinations 1988 after alleging wide-spread top-level corruption. He formed the opposition Zimbabwe Unity Movement a year ago. The Zum leader laughed when told of

HARARE, March 19, (AP): President Robert
Mugabe yesterday accused his only challenger
in upcoming elections of plotting to assassinate
political leaders. Mugabe's remarks, according to a spokesman for Tekere, who declined to be identified. "He was quite flattered that this gross line was told," the spokesman said. "It indicated the

president and his party are worried about Tekere is to run against Mugabe in presiden-tial and parliamentary elections set for March It will be the first challenge to Mugabe since he led the fight for independence that changed white-ruled Rhodesia to black-governed Zimbabwe on April 19, 1980.

Mugabe is expected to win the election. Five other parties vying for seats in the 150-member parliament are given little chance of

gaining a significant number of seats.

Tekere's Zum is expected to win some of the 111 seats being contested. Of the other 39, the ruling party will fill nine. Mugabe will fill 12, and 18 go to tribal chiefs and provincial gover-

# Banks abandon unified dollar rate | 22 suffer Aids after

### Central Bank criticises 'Cartel Operation'

LOCAL banks have suspended dealing in the existing dollar selling rates and switched over to the independent pricing system employed by each bank separately.

Quoting local bankers, a daily said that bank officials had decided to cancel the unified price following the infusion of local exchange companies with hard currencies by the Central Bank. This infusion of funds enabled these companies to compete

**Functional** 

still a

dilemma

overlapping

By Hussain Salamah

THE Assistant Undersecretary

for Public Domains Affairs at Kuwait Ministry of Finance Abdulhameed Hussain has des-

cribed the issue of sorting out the

existing overlapping among the ministries and government institutions as a dilemma, but it could be solved.

In an interview with Al Seyas-

sah, Hussain was quoted as say-

ing that by mutual understand-

ing all the problems will be set-

tled particularly through the rev-

ision of some legislation, laws

Chalets

quoted as expecting that the

chalets at Bubyan Area will total

over 2,560 and commented that

the project will represent the

ideal utilisation of the land for

recreational purposes.

He disclosed that though the

area of each chalet had been

defined randomly, the project upon its completion will con-stitute an ideal one in the south-

ern area of the country. He clarified that the area of

some chalets had amounted to

10,000 square metres while oth-

ers were not less than 1,000

square metres. He added that the

chalets will be of different

designs and will be provided with

all the necessary facilities includ-

ing super market, shops, mosque

Overlapping

Replying to a question over

the results of the sorting out of

the overlapping among the min-

istries, the official said that the

Cabinet is paying serious con-

cern to this issue and the Civil

Service Commission is keenly

following up this issue. The official disclosed that the CSC

has formed a working team to work within a specified plan. He

said that the sorting out of the overlapping and the adminis-

trative development should be carried out simultaneously and

each issue should not be handled

separately. He clarified that the

sorting out process requires

administrative development to

Speaking on the sorting out of

the existing overlapping between

the Ministry of Finance and the

other authorities such as Kuwait

Municipality, Planning Ministry

and Civil Service Commission,

the official said several meetings

in this connection were being

He added that the meeting was

striving to reach practical results

in favour of the citizens and in the

meantime to cause no confusion

among the relevant authorities

held to achieve this goal.

achieve its purposes.

Meetings

and medical clinic.

Meanwhile, the official was

some administrative

with banks in pricing the dollar and has started a chain reaction among local banks violating the unified pricing agreement. Opportunity

Commenting on the issue, the Governor of the Central Bank, Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah said that he was dissatisfied with the agreement reached by the local banks and described their move as "a Cartel Operation". However, the official

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LATE marriages among females

is almost common in certain

types of societies. The word spin-

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on the minds of females all over

The spinstership phenomenon deserves more attention from us.

Here we shed light on spinster-

hood among Palestinian females

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omenon is yet considered a new

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female a spinster above the age of

interviews were conducted with a

number of Palestinians residing

in Kuwait. Husni Ali Tahha

indicated that he considers a

female as a spinster when she

reaches the age of 30. At the same

time, he does not think that there

are many Palestinian females

above this age and still

In this survey, several

25 years or 30 years.

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ing through.

stressed that the bank is capable of dealing with the situation in an effective manner.

Money exchangers at local companies said that they will return to purchasing dollars from the local banks despite the opportunity to obtain dollars from the entral Bank.

The bankers said that the cancellation of the unified rate price would result in banks making less profits from dollar selling

operations, as the banks purchased this hard currency from the Central Bank and sold it to their clients at a marignal profit defined as equalling KD 4 for every \$10,000.

They added that the profit margin would drop to KD 2 for each \$10,000 on the average and might sink deeper if competition grew stronger to reach a projected price of KD0.500.

## **National** exports drop, say experts

A MEETING of Arab experts was opened at the Arab Planning Institute (API) based in Kuwait to discuss the developing of Arab exports. Dr Mohammed Said Abdul Aziz from Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry submitted a work paper to the meeting about Arab policies to develop the commercial exchange among Arab countries and the role of Arab trade in developing the agricultural and industrial production in the Arab countries and also focused on the present signature of Arab. on the present situation of Arab commerce. The paper showed that Arab commerce accounts for 88 per cent of Arab local production during 1970s but retreated to 60.9 per cent in 1987 due to the drop in oil exports and retreat of imports of many Arab countries because of increasing debts.

### **Exports**

It added that growth rate of Arab commerce was 4.3 per cent between 1974 and 1987 against 1.7 per cent for exports and 9.5 per cent for imports. Accordingly the position of Arab commerce has changed in the international commerce when Arab exports reduced from 10 per cent (out of total commerce) in 1974 to 4.1 per cent in 1987 while imports increased from 3.6 per cent in 1974 to 4 per cent in 1987. The commerce among Arab countries reached 6.9 per cent of total Arab commerce between 1974 and 1987. The paper added that local production of the Arab countries met 35.4 per cent of total needs of Arab countries in 1985 and increased to 44.2 per cent in 1987. It said that Arab states are still depending on IOTEIRE COMMITTES IN MEETING LICEN needs for food although agricul-tural products reached 11.6 per cent of local production in 1987. The Arab countries succeeded to meet 73 per cent of their needs for foodstuffs in 1986.

Dr Abdul Aziz said in his paper that all Arab foodstuffs that are produced are being marketed in Arab countries while most raw materials are exported to foreign countries.

## A TOTAL of 22 citizens from Arab Gulf states have been infected with Aids after having under-gone kidney transplants in India and some countries in the Far East. Citing these statistics, Dr George Abuna, director of Hamed Al Essa Organs Transplant Centre and present chairman of the Middle East Organs Transplant Society said that Arab organs transplant centres have successfully undertaken numerous transplant operations and patients are not obliged to go to these countries that are infected with Aids. for more than three minutes.

ted with Aids. Abuna appealed to officials of the Ministry of Public Health to monitor the activities of physicians and directors of hospitals who do not perform their duties ethically and also do not abide by the ministerial decisions formulated to organise the trans-

By Nashaat Al Agha

plant of organs in Kuwait.

Meanwhile, the assistant dean at the Faculty of Academic Sciences, Dr Raed Shaker stressed the need for finding ways and means of increasing the supply of human organs for transplant operations.

Speaking to a symposium sponsored by the Roads Safety Society, the official said that the human brain is the organ responsible for co-ordinating all other functions of the human body and would cease to function if it failed to get continuous blood supply for more than three minutes.

transplant ops

He pointed out that medical authorities had since 1985 successfully persuaded the families of seven dead patients to permit doctors to use organs of their deceased relatives and has obtained 14 donated kidneys. He underscored the fact that no doctor would undetake to remove an organ from a deceased until the family bless this move. He added that families are perfectly free to agree or disagree to such removal of organs.

Shaker said that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has successfully performed transplant surgeries over the last year and convinced 90 people to donate their organs. These acts of benevolence have contributed to saving the lives of many patients suffering from the failure of their organs. The crux of the problem lies in approaching family members of the deceased who are in grief to agree

Get treatment here: Abuna to use organs of the deceased. He said that legal advice issued by the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs approved the use of a dead man's organs to save the life of another patient in cases of emergency and in line with the concept of social security and that the living are better than the

He added that Kuwait comes first in the field of transplants surgery, adding that a special leg-islation had been issued and duly endorsed to regulate this field of human nature. Under this law, donors will write a will consent ing to part with their organs a their deaths and the will is signed by the donor in the presence of two legally qualified witnesses.

He also said that donors could always rescind their will at any point of time and that they should not do that in return for financial gains.
He stressed that in case of peo-

ple whose identity could not be established after death, the ruler's consent would replace the dead man's family's, adding that transplants among the living were also permitted under the law with the conditional approval of the Ministry of Health.

Glimpses of

Bahrain by

Sri Lankan

GLIMPSES of Bahrain a solo

art exhibition of water-colour by Sri Lankan artist Lissa Hewavitarne turned out to

become one of the most successful art exhibitions to be held in

the island in recent times, thereby

reaffirming the country's grow

ing reputation as an artistic and

The exhibition, which just

concluded at the Gulf Hotel

received extensive media

publicity here followed by record

attendance by both local

residents and overseas visitors. A

total of 84 works depicting

Bahrain's rich heritage and cul-ture drawn from both present and past scenes of the island annoi were on display during the five-day exhibition.

On the first day of the event,

which was held under the patron-

age of Bahrain's Ministry of

Information, a record 34 paint-

ings were sold within hours of the opening. A total of 76 paintings were sold at the end of the exhibi-

tion, while 41 orders were

received for reproduction of

originals. The event generated

tremendous interest and enth-

usiasm among art connesseurs.

Critics and buyers alike were

impressed with the rich collec-

tion of works offering a cor-

nucepia of Bahrain's natural

cultural centre in the region.

# 15 years for

THE Criminal Court sentenced a man to 15 years in jail for luring a girl under 21 years of age to leave the residence of her parents

and live with him illegally.

The court heard that the accused who is married had proposed

sex.

The court turned down his plea for marriage and considered his act to be in violation of the country's traditions and customs.

According to reports, three youths driving a white coloured

The court was told that a security officer posing as a customer successfully managed to purchase five rolls of hashish from the

ded. A search of his residence revealed 35 tablets of keptagon, 12

A ROAD block led to the arrest of an Egyptian national for possession of 113 liquor bottles inside his car.

beauty and ofcourse its people from all walks of life.

### Crime file

# live-in violation

to the girl, but the family of the girl had refused his offer. Consequently, he took the girl to stay with him and had illegal

SECURITY authorities are investigating the attempted rape of a 22 year old girl near her residence situated in Al Sulaibikhat Area, a local daily reported.

Caprice car, sprayed the girl with a narcotic spray and attempted to rape her. However, her frantic screams were heard by a passerby who came to her rescue. The victim who was found to be in a coma was rushed to the hospital and the passerby who came to her rescue. The victim who was found to be in a coma was rushed to the hospital and a compared to the hospital and a compared to the possession and trading in narcotics to four years in jail with hard to labour, a fine of KD4,000 and a customs fine of KD10.

accused on payment of KD300.

others of a different kind, plus one roll of hashish.

The court dishelieved the plea of the defendant that he was a patient under treatment at the Psychiatric Disease Hospital and that the contraband was for his personal use.

The suspect denied knowledge of what was in the bags and said that an acquaintance asked him to move these bags telling him

they contained samples of rock. The suspect and contraband have been referred to the local headquarters in Sulaibiya.

# Second Kuwaiti company falls victim to fraud

FOR the second time in Kuwait, a local company has become the victim of fraud practicised by an elusive German company, a local daily

According to sources, the local company had concluded a contract with the German firm to supply about 1,500 tons of resin materials at a total value of US\$1.275 million.

However, on arrival of the consignment, it was ascertained that it contained only table salt.

A near identical case was reported last Saturday when the same German company had supplied a consignment of earth to a local firm against the payment of US\$850,000.

In the present instance, the local firm had called upon its bankers not to release payment against their L.C. as after reading the first case details they suspected the bonafides of the German firm. But, the bankers could not comply as the payment had already been released. Meanwhile, the daily reported that the German company is alleged to be run by a citizen from the region.

### Muslim scholars to lecture during Ramadan

THE undersecretary of Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Mohammed Naser Al Hamdhan has said that the ministry has invited a number of Muslim scholars to lecture on different Islamic topics during the Holy Month of Ramadan. He added that six scholars from Egypt, Syria and Sudan have agreed to participate and the ministry has also invited professors at the faculty of Sharia and Islamic Studies of Kuwait University to take part in these lectures. The ministry agreed with the faculty on a programme that includes seminars on children, youth and leisure time and a seminar about youths, morals and women. The scholars working in the ministry will also lecture during Ramadan, he said.

Hamdhan pointed out that the ministry's plan in building mosques copes with the general plan of the state. The plan is based on the expansion of housing areas or the establishment of new areas and said that the ministry builds 25 to 30 new mosques every year. These mosques are built from public money or from contributions of wealthy citizens. He added that there are about 800 mosques in Kuwait now which are expected to be increased to 1000 mosques at the end of this

The ministry also rebuilds the old mosques or expands them because of increasing number of people in Kuwait. We also build special places and wards for women at the mosques, external toilets and covering the open yards of mosques. He added that most Imams of mosques are Arabs, specially from Egypt. There are 600 lmams working full time at these mosques, he said.

Hamdhan pointed out that the ministry opened about 20 centres to teach sciences of Holy Quran. He added that 6948 students are studying in these centres. The male centres are 11 and 2409 students are studying while women centres total 9 that serve 4539 women. These centres cover all areas in Kuwait including Failaka Island. More centres are planned for the future, he said.

Many Palestinians indicated

girls in Kuwait: survey

that one of the main reasons leading to spinstership, among females was due to the disinclination of males towards marriage as a result of their poor financial conditions. Mahmoud Abdul Kareem stated that the increase in rents and the low standard of Palestinian employees salaries who are mostly appointed at the sixth or fifth grade in addition to other household expenses led male youth towards thinking

Kuwait's Minister of Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah received at his office yesterday the chairman of

Fahaheel Sporting Club, Colonel Abdullah Adas who introduced to him the new board of directors of the

The Minister welcomed the chairman of the club and the accompanying delegation. Sheikh Salem was

presented a commemorative shield in an reciation of his persistent efforts in supporting sports and

Spinsterhood phenomenon

Marriage eludes Palestinian

females. What is the age limit when a woman is called a spinthat marriage is unattractive. ster? And what are the causes? On the other hand, engineer who is responsible? the family, males or females ... Or is it cir-Atef Ismael said that the increase in house rents cannot be a direct cause behind spinistership cumstances which the Palestinamong Palestinian females. He ian community is currently passadded that this may cause a delay in marriage. He said that he will eventually get married when he is The view of Palestinians vary capable of paying house rents, at that time he will select a young on the age limit in which a female is considered a spinster. Opin-

female. Ali Attah's fiancee indicated that the low salaries paid to employees will stand as an obstacle to marriage. In this situation, a male youth would think twice about getting married thinking in advance that he will have to pay private fees for his children in addition to house rent and other

Mohammed Engineer Kaloosh stated that continuing education in foreign countries and not giving youth the chance for academic education inside Kuwait was the main cause of the spinstership phenomenon. He added that most Palestinian youths tend to marry foreign females in the country where they are educated in order to obtain privileges of that country. He pointed out that a larger share of Palestinian males represent this group which eventually leads to spinsterhood among females.

Education Um Sadeq on the other hand indicated that continuing education in foreign countries is not the problem but, the bigger problem lies in not giving educated Palestinians the opportunity for equal employment in Kuwait after they return. This case was also the same for other Arab countries which forces youth to settle in foreign countries.

Alfeera Qasem said that the Palestinian population does not have a unified thinking towards the Palestinian cause adding that many families refuse marrying their daughters to well-established Palestinian males who live outside Kuwait. She stressed that a big share of Palestinian females pay vital importance to education and employment and will insist on obtaining it even if it meant spinsterhood.



### Pond's skin care

POND'S the internationally renowned skincare experts, are introducing their "2-step Skincare Regime" which promises a beautiful, soft and radiant complexion.

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which protects the complexion against the drying effects formulated for oily skin types. It actually absorbs the skin's excess oils throughout the day, reducing shine and providing a matt base for make-

The range is attractively packaged to look good on your dressing room table and every pack carries full instructions for use — in Arabic and English.

Thani Murshid Sons & African and Eastern Ltd. distributors of Pond's in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi have introduced the Pond's Skin Care Regime at a colourful function held for the beauticians and the trade separately on 11th February 1990, which was



### Philips dealers meet

Philips Consumers Electronics dealers attended a sales conterence at Kuwait International Hotel last night for the launching the new range of Philips audio and video products in the region.

The conference was hosted by Philips distributor 'Yousuf Ahmed Al Ghanim' and attended by over 200 electrical retailers from this area. The principal address was given by Ming Fook Seng, general manager, consumers products division of Philips Singapore, and the dealers also heard details of the comprehensive regional advertising and promotional campaign from Memac.

In his address to the dealers Ming Fook Seng sald: 'Philips believes in the Gulf. With our world-wide service centres, advanced products and after-sales

warranty applicable in all Gulf states, India and Pakistan we are showing commitment to your market and all the support you need. Philips the market leader in consumer electronics in Europe and in many countries in the world, is determined to capture a bigger market share in this region.

The products presented included the latest range of colour televisions and video cassette recorders. nome audio systems, portable radios and radio cassette recorders.

Philips is one of the largest and longest established electronics companies in the world, Ptilins will be celebrating its '100 years anniversary' in 1991. Among its famous inventions are the audio eassette. the video cassette recorders and compact disc technology.

# Care of handicapped in Kuwait lauded

### Tunisian minister expresses admiration

KUWAIT, March 19, (Kuna): Tunisian State Minister for Social Affairs Dr Nabiha Qadana conferred here today with Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed.

The Tunisian official had earlier met with the ministry's undersecretary Issa Yassin with senior officials of both sides attending the two meetings.

Dr Qadana described talks during the two meetings, in a statement to Kuna, as "fruitful and beneficial," and added that

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BRIEF

**Amir receives** 

KUWAIT, March 19, (Kuna): HH the Amir today received

head of the Audit Bureau Fares Abdul Rahman Al Wegayan, who presented HH with the

bureau's final account statement

of the state's financial adminis-

tration for the 1988-89 fiscal

played by the bureau in preserv-

KUWAIT, March 19, (Kuna):

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al

Abdullah Al Sabah today

received Ministers of Labour

and Social Affairs Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed and of Justice and Legal Affairs Dhari

HH Sheikh Saad also received

Kuwait's Ambassador to Egypt

Abul Razzaq Al Kandari and

board chairman and members of

citizens and representatives of

private societies and diwaniyas.

KUWAIT, March 19, (Kuna): HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al

Abdullah Al Sabah today

received a cable from the

Secretary General of the Kuwaiti

National Committee for Unesco

Suleiman Al Onaizi, in which he

extended gratitude for HIH on

Kuwait's hosting of a computer

training workshop, sponsored by the organisation and the

National Committee for Educa-

In a reply cable, Sheikh Saad thanked Onaizi for his kind sen-

timents and hoped for more of these educational gatherings.

Muslim committee

KUWAIT, March 19, (Kuna)

Information Minister Sheikh

Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah today

received secretary-general of the Africa Muslims Committee

Abdul Rahman Al Sumait, who

briefed the minister on the com-

Sheikh Jaber also received

Chairwoman of the Palestinian

Women's Union Siham Al Dab-

bagh and member of the Child

and Woman Committee in the

occupied territories Safaa Al

**Education seminars** 

KUWAIT, March 19, (Kuna):

Two specialised educational

seminars continued today

deliberations on means of

developing curricula in the Arab

syllabuses continued their

debates on unifying and develop-

ing the English language books

Another seminar continued

discussing possibility of unifying the science of curriculums in the

Arab Gulf countries' secondary

Intentions doubted

KUWAIT, March 19, (Kuna): A

Kuwaiti daily today doubted

intentions of the Soviet leader

Mikhail Gorbachev concerning

the Soviet Jews immigration to

A local Arabic daily in its front

page editorial said that since the

great Arab revolution the Arabs

have always trusted the super

powers be it London, Paris,

Washington or Moscow but at

the end "we received a stab in the

The paper questioned the aim

of the Soviet Jews influx to

occupied Palestine, especially such a great number of Soviet

Jews leaving at a time when Israel

itself barely has "bread, oil and

"In the Soviet Union these

people have food, not a great amount but sufficient," the

occupied Palestine.

back."

oranges.

at various school grades.

Experts on English language

Gulf countries.

mittee's activities in Africa.

tion. Science and Culture.

\*Unesco cable

He also received a number of

the Kuwait Teachers Society.

**Premier receives** 

ing national wealth.

Al Othman.

HH praised the important role

Sheikh Nasser had conveyed to her the concern of HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Premier over bolstering co-operation with Tunisia in all spheres.

### Experiment

She noted that the talks tackled exchanging expertise and experts in social care and catering for the handicapped and ciderly through exchanging visits of

The minister praised the Kuwaiti experiment in catering for the handicapped, describing it as a model to be followed and expressed readiness to supply Kuwait with competent Tunisian cadres in social care in general.

She affirmed identical views of both

Dr Qabana expressed admiration of the Kuwaiti women's activity and efforts by concerned parties topped by the social affairs and labour ministry in social and co-operative fields.

She hoped that her visit would result in mutual benefit for women in the two countries and it. the Arab world as a whole.

Qabana had stated on arrival here last night that her country greatly appreciated Kuwait's solidarity stance during the recent floods that swept Tunisia.

# nab smugglers,

### By Hussain Salameh

KUWAIT will shortly apply to join the International Customs

Ghanim said that Kuwait will and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed to submit the

Ghanim said that the border is now directed at drug smugother forms of smuggling like arms, liquor and others.

Ghanim said that the designs

ticularly drug smuggling.
Ghanim added that construction in the new border posts will begin this year. They will greatly facilitate the movement of passengers from and to Kuwait. Latest technological equipment, including computers will be supplied to the centres. Huge warehouses to store all kinds of imports will also be constructed at all the three centres.

THE Ministry of Health is con-

Quoting medical sources at the

Sources added that the issue has received the support from the minister himself and a meeting will be held within the coming few days to discuss the full fledged appointment of these traince pharmacists.

SHARJAH, March 19, (Kuna): The visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen met here yesterday with the member of the UAE Supreme Council, Ruler of Sharjah Sheikh Sultan Bin Mohammed Al Qasimi.

## Border posts equipped to says Ghanim

Co-operation Council based in Brussels. This was confirmed yesterday by the director-general of the Public Customs Authority, Ibrahim Al Ghanim.

greatly benefit if it joined the International Customs Council as Kuwaiti customs men will be allowed to participate in important training courses held by the international organisation. He added that Kuwaiti custom men will also gain good experience in the field of combatting drug smuggling through joining the international body. Ghanim said that the application with all necessary documents will be submitted to the Deputy Premier application to the International Customs Co-operation Council.

customs posts are now well equipped to confront drug smuggling and other forms of smuggling. He said that concentration gling and trading in order to prevent the young generation from its risks. But he stressed that this does not mean that the customs department will ignore

### **Border posts**

for the new border posts have been already approved. He said that the border posts to be established in Abdali, Salmi and Nuwaiseeb, the only border exits of Kuwait, will be the most modern in the world. He said that trucks carrying commodities and Kuwait after completing the construction of the border posts. He said that this will activate the transportation movement in Kuwait, protect imported food materials from being spoilt, restricting to a great extent the smuggling operations, par-

## MOH appointments

sidering appointing all trainee pharmacists presently working at the ministry's health centres and hospitals as full time employees.

ministry, a local daily said that the ministry has suspended the appointment of pharmacists under the item on remunerations in response to instructions from the Civil Service Commission.

### UAE — China

# ministries on maintaining contacts to elevate social and women activities and underlined that women in Tunisia had covered major strides in assuming leading responsibility in numerous spheres.

Students at traffic department

A student delegation from Khaldiya and Sulaibiya Primary Schools for Boys visited the General Traffic Department in order to get acquainted with different sections and the nature of their activities.

The student delegation also visited the permanent traffic exhibit where they looked at the previous features of the General Traffic Department and the developments made during the past three decades.

# **Expat investment will** support market: Rashid

### Better economy forecast

THE chairman and managing director of Bank of Kuwait and Middle East (BKME) Ali Al Rashid was quoted as saying that ... the bank's policy aims at concen-trating on the spread of conventional and developed banking services in the local market to coincide with the increase in the bank's local and foreign investment services and expanding the base of its international operations by developing its investment portfolios.

In an interview with a local daily, the official said that the bank management is striving to increase its annual income which eventually will reflect on the shareholders rights.

He was quoted as expecting that the national economy will restore its activities during the current decade and attributed this prospect to the expected improvement in oil prices in the international market in addition to the political stability in the region and the overcoming of the effects of the Iraq-Iran war. To achieve the targetted goals,

a balanced and realistic economic policy must be set up the official said and added that this could be realised through drawing up of the necessary plans aimed at supporting Kuwait as a developed and effective financial centre which should realise the ultimate utilisation of national

### Observers

Replying to a question, the official said that a lot of financial observers were in agreement that investment funds were playing a main role in investment activities in international bowses.

He clarified that this system could gain importance in a country like Kuwait where expatriates represent the majority in the total population. Unfortunately, he said this majority was not allowed to participate in the investment operation. He added that the provision of the necessary opportunities of investments for expatriates through investment funds will definitely support the

market and help finance local development projects. He clarified that the proposed funds will provide the necessary liquidity which could be sufficient for local investment

operations and this will encourage local investors to seek the necessary finance required for their projects.

He hoped that the law organis-ing the activities of these funds will be enacted soon, adding that an official control on its activities

should be imposed.

Replying to a question whether the Central Bank shall allow local banks to distribute bonus shares or not, the official said that this issue fell within the duties of the board of directors of the local banks and in the framework of the general policy set up by the Central Bank. He clarified, however, that the distribution of bonus shares was connected in general with several objectives such as the increasing of relevant banks capitals and improving of the market value of the shareholders investments which shall eventually increase the share prices.

He commented that the distribution of bonus shares will prevent the retreat of local banks share prices.

### Risks

Kuwaiti banks were now exposed to more risks, the official categorically denied this rumour, clarifying that Kuwaiti banks have never been considered within high risk. He added, conversely, the local banks were enjoying an inter-national reputation and were deemed as the best regional banks. He pointed out that Kuwait's bank guarantees and letters of credits were entertained everywhere, adding that Kuwaiti banks were sole banks throughout the world that had been

countries had recently classified banks working in Europe and had suggested two groups of

percentage in the local banks. The state represented by the Central Bank is paying special concern to this vital issue and is striving to surmount any obstacle that may impede the implementation of this policy.

Meanwhile, the official has expected that the state will continue its support to the local banks through the support of the

banks in the world the first of

which groups EEC countries,

USA, Japan and Saudi Arabia

while the second groups the other

countries including Kuwait,

clarifying that such a classifica-

tion had been exposed to several

technical criticisms, adding, that

this classification will be subject

endorsement by the authorities

**Workforce** 

Commenting on the Central

Bank's suport to be extended to

the local banks he said it will be

conditioned by the increase of

the national workforce in these

banks. Local banks are keen to

develop their activities and

operations as well as the upgrad-

ing of its technical apparatuses,

referring that the national work-

force constitutes a major role in

He clarified, that the local

banks have done their part to

develop national cadres and to

increase the Kuwaiti employees

trends and the positions of these

the banks activities.

concerned in Europe.

On the description that the Banking Studies Institute to help increase the number of national graduates qualified to work in the banking sector. Evaluating, the bourse activities, the official commented that it is reflected trends and expectations of investors as well as the positions of the companies registered in the stock market. clarifying that the volume of the activities is connected with such

guaranteed by the state. He added, recently it has been He pointed out that EEC noticed that most of the shares prices in the bourse were stable and only a few share prices had

# Seminar on retarded

companies.

THE Faculty of Education at Kuwait University under the theme Development of Public Education in Kuwait, recently held a seminar at the premises of the faculty situated in Kifan entitled "Retarded Children in Kuwait - the Reality and the Rights."

The seminar was hosted by the Chairman of Kuwait Society for Handicapped Care" Abdu Rahman Salem Al Ateeqi, Dr Kamal Mursi from the Faculty of Education, the Director of Private Education at the Ministry of Education, Mohammed Al Humaidi and the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Khalifa School, Lulwa Al Ghanim.

Mursi said that patronising the cause of retarded children constitutes a social, economic and religious need and commented that patronage should be provided at an early age. He commented that retarded children should be classified into several denominations according to their intelligence quotient.

Lulwa Al Ghanim also speaking at the seminar said that the patronage for the handicapped in Kuwait is at a low level and cited the case where the current institutions could not accommodate all the handicapped in the country. The government represented by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour and the Ministry of Public Health is sparing no efforts in this connection, but the private sector

should also play its role, Ghanim said. Humaidi talked about the Ministry of Education's experiment in the field of handicapped patronage and said that the government sector had achieved success in this connection compared to the neighbouring countries and added that the patronage in Kuwait is on a level prevailing in advanced countries. He said that a retarded person should be treated as a human being, rather than a machine. He disclosed that the ministry has formed a working team to look after the interests of retarded children and their efforts have proved highly successful.

Ateeqi talked about the Kuwait Society for Handicapped and said that the care that the soviety provides has enabled a large number of retarded children to enroll in special institutes to obtain necessary qualifications. He said that the qualification training course organised in 1986 in co-operation with several institutions in the country had achieved commendable results.

The seminar was attended by the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education, Abdu Rahman Al Khodari and a number of senior



Farewell to UAE envoy

Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah received yesterday the UAE ambassador to Kuwait, Yousef Al Sarkal. The ambassador bid farewell to Sheikh Salem at the end of his tenure in Kuwait.

## Missing the connection

By Jadranka Porter Arab Times staff

WITH the advent of Ramadan and with the summer not too far behind Kuwait-hosted conferences, sym posia and seminars will soon enter a seasonal full. Not that anyone will be distressed.

International, regional and national professional gatherings held in Kuwait, be they on energy, medicine or finance, are often boring and of little use. Participants complain that they fail to provide a lively exchange of information and new insights into the subject matter.

As one speaker at this week's banking seminar said these meetings stand or fall on coffee break conversations when valuable contacts can be made and information exchanged. "The best part are lunches and dinners" quipped one expatriate

Cynicism aside, they seem to produce too little to justify the money and time spent. Not that Kuwait cannot attract the best speakers.

But even top foreign professionals are not guarantee for a successful conference. Some speak at length about their speciality but

are unable to make the all-important connection between their expertise and its application in Kuwait. Their comments on the local aspects, if included, often amount to no more than a footnote. Those who are knowledgeable about the area tend to sidestep the real issues out of consideration

for the host country or even worse because they are locked in a kind of a client - paymaster relationship. To prop up his academic discourse at a finance conference in Kuwait last year a California academic, advising Kuwaitis on their investments in

Japan, cited the examples of Mexico and Taiwan. He could not be brought to speak of cases closer to "What we often get is either sales talk or indepth analysis of the Latin American situation" com-

ined a Saudi-based banker attends meetings in the region. Risky

In answer to such complaints a foreign finance expert addressing recently a group of Kuwaiti bankers said: "It is difficult for me to tell you about the

banking system in Kuwait." More than difficult it is risky. A few home truths could put personal reputations and company interests in the area at stake.

The end result is that local participants feel they are being shortchanged and are naturally disgrun-

But the larger portion of the blame lies with the homegrown officials and experts. It is primarily their duty to set the tone at locally held international meetings. Yet, too often mid-level Kuwaiti and expatriate professionals are cowed into saying what they are told to say or altogether refrain from the discussion. There have been cases when "awkward" questions have not been answered, or even worse the inquirer was silenced. The questioning of public policy and criticism are not looked upon kindly and

are often replaced by platitudes. Workshops are not what they should be with some local participants showing overwhelming preference for being talked at than entering a discus-

If held in the afternoons, outside the working hours, they are poorly attended.

**Objectivity** This is not exactly the fertile ground for foreign experts and it comes as no surprise that some cannot be bothered to prepare original material or update their papers for presentation in Kuwait.

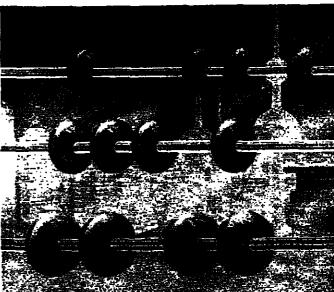
Some openly admit that they save their best material for publication or announcement before a more authoritative audience usually in the West. The Arab experts as well are known to speak more freely and objectively at conferences outside the Arab world.

Participation in some of the local seminars could be a costly affair and questions are being raised whether the participants are getting their money's

A two-day seminar/workshop meeting on Gulf Banking and Finance organised by the Middle East Economic Digest this week cost KD180, "Information is expensive, if you get it" said one banker who attended.

If you don't, it is better you attend food promotions and folk festivals. They cost less and at least your appetite is sated.





### Gulf Bank Introduces Far Eastern Unit Trust

(DIIS) umbrella. The unit trusts, managed for the Bank by Jardine Fleming, Hong Kong, are available exclusively in the Far Eastern markets and currently has in excess of US\$5.6 billion under management.
Commenting on the trusts, Dr. Al-Awadi said, "The Gulf

Bank is excited about the opportunity these high performing trusts have for the investors in Kuwait. The Japanese and Far Eastern markets have shown historic strong growth. The overall soundness of markets coupled with both the expertise and experience of our managers suggests continued opportunities for long term growth at levels well above those of alternative investments." The trusts launched today are, the Japan Trust, the Japan Technology Trust, the Asean Trust, the Pacific Income

Trust, and the Hong Kong Trust.

The Japan Trust, begun in 1969, is one of the oldest trusts invested exclusively in the Japanese market. During 1989 the fund produced a yield of 54.6 per cent compared to a gain of 22.2 per cent for the main stock market index. The fund is managed to secure long term capital growth for the investor with an emphasis on consumer products

The Japan Technology Trust, begun in 1981, has had an overall annualized yield of 39.1 per cent. The Japanese have devoted considerable resources to the research and development of high technology systems in the areas of electronics, materials, and pharmaceuticals; The trust's performance is reflective of the profits these technology companies have achieved in the world markets. The Asean Trust, launched in 1983, is invested in major companies listed on the Indonesian, Malaysian, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand stock exchanges. As a diversified international trust the managers invest only in the highest quality issues in each market. The trust is managed for long term capital growth with a lower risk level. Since launch the trust has had an average annualized yield of 36.2 per cent.

Kuwait, 17 March, 1990: Dr. Yousef Al-Awadi, CEO and Chief General Manager of the Gulf Bank announced today the introduction of five Far Eastern unit trusts under the Gulf Bank's, Dhow International Investment Services opportunities in fixed income securities such as bonds, and the securities of the control of the Gulf Bank's, Dhow International Investment Services opportunities in fixed income securities such as bonds. convertible bonds, etc. The trust is invested in Australia. Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Singapore and

Since inception the fund has consistent appreciation and resulting in an annual average yield of 42.7 per cent.

The Hong Kong Trust, started in 1973, is invested in companies listed on the Hong Kong stock exchange. Hong Kong is the world's fourth largest financial center and one of the world's largest ports. As the gateway to China with a consumer population in excess of one billion Hong Kong is expected to remain a world financial center into the next century. The fund has returned on average 41 per cent per year since launch.

These funds have been introduced with a minimum investment of US\$1,000. Dr. Al-Awadi indicated that the low initial investment, compared to other funds that require as much as US\$25,000 to start, opens up the market for the small investor. "Gulf Bank, believes that every investor should have the opportunity to take advantage of world markets and is pleased to offer these new trusts at investment levels affordable to the smaller

investor," said Dr. Al-Awadi. These five new trusts join the current DIIS family of funds that include the DIIS Money Market Fund, the Gold Fund and the Islamic Fund. With eight unit trusts under management the Gulf Bank is currently the largest and most diversified provider of Unit Trusts in Kuwait. The Gulf Bank with 28 offices in Kuwait is Kuwait's second largest bank with assets of KD 2 billion. Dhow International Investment Services has been serving the needs to the Kuwait investor market since 1986.

Information on DIIS unit trusts is available 24 hours a day through the Bank's Hotline at 2430362. All of the DIIS products are available at any offices of the bank.

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paper said, adding that they also have homes and opportunity for education. Can Israel provide all this." the paper questioned. Car for Sale **Embassy Mercedes** 

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# Carter blasts Israel for human rights violations

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COCOPIED JERUSALEM, March 19, (Mercer): Former US president Jimmy ... on a tour of the Middle East, ber strongly condemned Israeli ---- ghts violations against Palestin-: 12 occupied West Bank and Gaza

What we are talking about is the it itative government that is in their basic human rights," and the le reporters as he left a meeting ne isrueli human rights group

Matinians have risen up against

more than 27 months. More than 800 Palestinians and 44 Jews have been killed

in the uprising.
Carter, who later met Palestinian nationalist leaders in Arab East Jerusalem, said he was deeply disturbed by the statistics produced by B Tselem.

Here you have a democratic government that for almost 23 years has been responsible for the lives of these people," said Carter, who brokered the Camp David accords that led to the 1979 peace treaty between Israel and Egypt.

And they are still demolishing homes, they are still putting them in prison without charges — they don't have a chance to see their families, they don't even have a chance to face their accusers and they stay in prison for as much as a year.

In attempts to crush the uprising. Israel has widely used administrative detention under which it can hold Palestinians without bringing formal charges

for up to a year. Carter, citing B Tselem figures, said that almost a quarter of all adult males in the occupied territories had been jailed at some point during the uprising and

about 9,000 Palestinians were now being "There's hardly a family that lives in

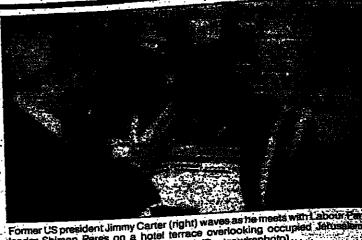
hasn't had one of the male members actually incarcerated by the military authorities since the intifada (uprising) started, and that's about 100,000," he

Carter met yesterday with leaders of Israel's two rival political parties whose coalition dissolved over the Middle East

Carter brought with him a message from Syrian President Hafez Assad that Damascus backs a peace process in the region. While in Amman Saturday, Carter said Assad's message also included Syria's desire to enter into direct negotiations with Israel as part of an inter-national peace conference regarding the demilitarisation of the Golan Heights. once Syrian and now Israeli-annexed.

In Tunis, a senior Palestinian leader Khaled El Hassan said yesterday he supported Carter's efforts to bring Syria and Israel into direct peace talks through an international conference.

El Hassan, Central Committee member of the main Palestinian commando group Fatah, also called for a meeting between Syrian President Hafez El Assad and Palestine Liberation Organisation Chairman Yasser Arafat.



leader Shimon Peres on a hotel terrace overlooking occupied Jerus

wailed Old City behind. (Reuter wirephoto)... Religious parties also divided:

Labour, Likud

# probe secrecy

AVIMAN, March 19, (Reuter): Jordan's parliament, under public pressure to investigate corruption and financial mismanagement, voted vesterday to grapple with the issue in secret.

"For the sake of the investigation, it is better to keep a tight lid on the information until it reaches the judiciary," Justice Minister Yousef Mbeideen told the 80-seat house, which decided to consider a report on corruption by its finance committee in closed session tomorrow.

Committee members said they had documents that might serve as ground for legal action but insisted secrecy was needed to curb gossip. Other deputies called for

··· ; secret session would do were harm then good" said Salim 2 pro Syrtan Baathist symthe door for rumours and araong the citizens." Cawar, a finance com-

mittee member, said it had proposed reviewing certain govercontracts for possible · : ::::rities.

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Relief debris

police reported.

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Christian battle on Saturday.

Gaza-Egypt

tunnel link

discovered

army said today.

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, March

19, (Reuter): Israel has discovered two tunnels linking the occupied

Gaza Strip to Egypt used by smug-glers and illegal emmigrants, the

An army spokeswoman said defence forces uncovered the tunnels

in the past month near the Palestin-ian town of Rafah on Israel's border

with Egypt.

Israel and army radios said wanted activists of the 27-month-old Pales-

tinian uprising against Israeli rule in

the occupied territories sometimes

Gaza police spokesman Yigal Golan said they were conduits for smuggling drugs, gold and money

nated in residents' homes

used the tunnels as escape routes.

A fighter of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front

strolls past debris of bags of relief food, still smoul-

dering, three weeks after the battle for Masawa. The

BEIRUT, March 19, (Agencies): Rival Christian forces traded mortar and gunfire in East Beirut

today, while Shiite Muslim militias pounded each

other with artillery and tank fire in south Lebanon,

They said one soldier of renegade Gen. Michel

Aoun's army was wounded in gunbattles with Lebanese Forces militiamen of Christian warlord

Samir Geagea in East Beirut's Sin El Fil residential

In Ballouneh, Lebanon, the ashes still glowed as

Red Cross workers lifted six charred corpses from an underground shelter that became an inferno of

"That's Rami. Those are his jeans and shoes,"

sobbed a relative of the Hasbani family as the first

only four years old when he died during an inter-

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The Phance committee recommented dan persiament reject menaments to tax legislation paysed by the government as a temporary law just before the perliamentary election.

Finance Minister Basel Jardench, shepherding Jordan along a reform path agreed with the International Monetary Fund, responded augrily that this would strip 20 million diaars (\$30 त्तांग्रेंगिका) from government revenue in 1991.

Finance committee members, arguing that it would cost the treasury less than seven million dinars (\$10.3 million), gave Jardanch four days to prove his case to the house.
The minister said tax accounted

for barely three per cent of gross domestic product, low compared with Jordan's neighbours.

He said the government would have to find new ways to balance its budget if the tax changes were axed, and challenged the house to say if it wanted higher customs duties or cuts in food subsidies or state services instead.

Some deputies said Jordan should care less about the IMF and more about social and econoute needs.

### ്ടിഷണic centre

DAH, March 19, (Kuna): An raise mic centre has been inaugurated in the Greek island of Crete, the first are centre for Arab and Islamic Lies, it was announced here today. : - International Islamic News gree (III) Arraid that the centre malades section for the Arab and The results of the second assignment of the criental studies in Crete's University.

# Najib calls for party congress after purge

Plans to end PDPA monopoly on power

KABUL, March 19, (Reuter): Afghan President Najibullah has called for a congress of his ruling party after purging the central committee of members linked to the failed coup attempt on March 6.

"We announced two years ago that we are giving up monopoly of power, but in practice we have changed our stand very little so far," the official Bakhtar news agency quoted him as telling a party central committee meeting yesterday. 'We have to convene the second congress of the party," he said without mentioning a date.

Najib also called yesterday for Afghanistan's ruling party to give up its monopoly on power, the agency reported.

The first congress of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA) 25 years ago resulted in a split between rival Parcham (flag) and Khalqi (masses) factions, which has plagued the party ever since.

Renegade Defence Minister Shahnawaz Tanai, who led the attempted putsch against Najibullah, was a leader of the Khalqi wing, which is dominant in the armed forces and has strong roots in the countryside.

Tanai was one of 24 party members expelled from the central committee yesterday. Tanai was also a member of the 15-man politburo and the 16-member supreme military council.

General Sayed Mohammad Gulabzoi, ambassador to Moscow and once thought to present the strongest challenge to Natibullah's leadership of the party, was also expelled from the central committee and politburo.

The other members of the supreme military council, four generals and politburo member Niaz Mohammad Momand were also expelled from the party leadership at yesterday central committee meeting.

With the expulsion of unclean blood from the body, our country has been strengthened." Bakhtar quoted Najibullah as telling the meeting. Najibullah has long put off

scheduling a full party congress in which leadership elections would be held and fundamental changes in the party charter

Najibullah said the party should be aware of the trend toward democracy in the world and "cancel its privileged status mentioned in the prelude of the constitution," he told the central committee.

At the proposed congress the PDPA would debate changing the name of the party and expunging all references to socialism in its charter in order to make it more acceptable to the people, party officials said recently.

A change in the colour of the party flag was also under consideration because red smacked of communism, one official said.

# Dealers using deaf mutes

DAMASCUS, March 19, (Renter): Drug traffickers in Syria, facing stepped up vigilance from police, have thought up a new ploy — using deaf and dumb people to samugle in their narcotics.

Six deaf muses have recently

been caught trying to bring in hashish from neighbouring Lehanon, police told Renters. They were questioned through an expert from a medical centre who

knew their sign language.

"The purpose (of using handicapped samageers) is to divert
attention from them and to make it difficult for investigators to discover the real smugglers who are using them," said Colonel Ali Darbooli, chief of Syria's antiparcotics bureau.

He said that although no drugs originated in Syria, smuggle used the country as a transit point to Western and other count

Transit

Diplomats said hashish arrived nainly from Lebanon and heroin from Turkey.

As part of tougher steps to light traffickers Damascus was cooperating closely with other countries, Darbooli said. "We foiled several smuggling attempts through co-ordination with coun-tries like Jordan, Sandi Arabia and West Germany," he said. Sauads

Interior Minister Mohama Harba stressed his determination to halt the flow of drugs in talks in December with US Ambassador to Syria Edward Djerejisa, Darbooli added. Syria also attends regular

meetings held in Cyprus by drug squads from several countries. Syrian police seized 1,67 touses of hashish and 18,16 kilos (40

pounds) of heroin last year, up from 1.13 tonnes of hashish and 10.7 kilos (23.5 pounds) of heroin in 1988, he added Nearly 302,000 tablets of the

drug kaptagon were confiscated in 1989, more than double the 1988 hand of 136,000. Courts heard 696 drug sumggling cases involving 3,190 people last year against 582 cases involving 2,332 people in 1988.

**Addicts** 

Darbooli said the number of drug addicts in Syria was small, but gave no details. Health Ministry officials said they were treat-

ing six heroin addicts.

Damascus has waged anti-drug
campaigns in the media and people and vehicles entering the country are subject to search by police

dogs.
Drug smugglers face the death
penalty or life imprisonment. Figures on the number of convic-tions were not available. Fire destroys

### birds' haven ANKARA, March 19, (Reuter): Fire

destroyed 100 square km (40 square miles) of wetland reedbeds in a nature reserve in western Turkey overnight but caused little harm to the birds using it, reserve official said Anatolian news agency quoted the

Anatonan news agency quotes the officials as saying the fire broke out last night in the 80,000 square km (30,000 square mile) Tuzia wetlands near the Aegean port city of Izmir.

They said the fire, of unknown cause had caused little damage to cause, had caused little damage to nests, eggs or chicks because the breeding season for many species had

not yet begun.

March 19, (Agencies): Both Labour and Likud continued to Labour's chances. ties to back them to form the next

Agudat's "Council of Rotali Sages" said on army radio than the party's separate political leadership would passalong the view to Puesident Chaim Herzog, who is responsible for choosing the man to head the next cabinet.

collapsed last Thursday.

back Likud as long as the rightwing party ended its rejection of peace talks with Palestinians. Former Labour Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin met Shamir today to formally turn over his portfolio, perhaps the most powerful in the government.

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intensive efforts today to per-

suade three small religious par-

government. Their support is

essential to form a coalition of at least 61 of the 120 seats in

A fourth religious party Shas

played a key role in bringing

by failing to support Yitzhak

Shamir in a no-confidence vote.

But yesterday it said it would

down the coalition last Thursday

Peres suffered a setback in his bid to become Israel's next prime minister after a reversal by the religious party that helped him topple Shamir. The Shas Party told President

Chaim Herzog yesterday that it backed another unity govern-ment led by Shamir's rightist Likud Party provided it would accept a US proposal for the first Israeli-Palestinian peace talks in-

Labour officials bet that Likud will be unable to agree to the Shas conditions because of pressure from party hardliners.

But Shas' recommendation was nevertheless a blow to Peres, who hoped to get its endor-sement to set up the next government.

"We would have been much happier had they decided to recommend Peres," an official close to the Labour leader told Reuters. "But let's wait and see who Agudat Israel will recom-

Meanwhile, Agudat Israel decided today to throw their sup-

in woo race port behind the left-of-centre Labour Party to form Issael's next government, giving a soos

Rabbi Avishai Shtokeiner of Agudat's "Council of Total

But Shtokeiner said Shas wan ted Peres to form a "broad-based government" to replace Shamir's Likud-Labour coalition that

Peres was initially expected to be Herzog's choice, but complications have arisen with grow ing splits and indecision in the religious camp over who lo favour.

The decision by the Agada rabbis in the Tel Aviv rel suburb of Bnei Brak came all Likud put intensive pressi the party to drop its supporting Labour, a switch that could h altered the arithmetic in Likner favour. Agueat Israel, a party founder

as an anti-Zionist movement u Eastern Europe in the 19th cen-tury, is traditionally neutral on foreign policy. Therefore usually back the party that pled ges more support for religious Agudat Israel's decision emer-

ged as crucial after leaders of the six-member sephardic shas, or "torah guardians," party told herzog on Sunday that Likud was their choice to form a new

There are also growing appre-hensions in both Labour and Likud of remaining locked in a stalemate which could even tunily force parliament to move up national elections now.

### Family asphyxiates

Algiers, March 19, (Reuter): Seven members of an Algerian family were killed in their home by gas fumes from a defective water heater, the Algerian News Agency APS repor-APS said late yesterday that a cou-

ple, their four children and a grand-father died of asphyxiation in a flat in the capital. It did not say when the accident took place.

### **Mystery patient**

MINNEAPOLIS, March 19, (UPI): A mystery patient from the Middle East was admitted to University of Minnesota hospital during the week-end for a kidney transplant, officials Dr Arthur Matas, director of the

hospital's kidney transplant programme said the closely guarded patient has had threats on his life and has requested his identity be kept confidential. The patient is not a candidate for a

cadaver donor, Matas said, and will not affect the order of the list of patients waiting for kidney trans-plants. Matas said he did not know anything about the donor. Iran opens centre

NICOSIA, March 19, (AP): Iran opened a centre for the treatment of chemical weapons victims yesterday the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

The agency, monitored in Cyprus,

said the centre in Tehran was opened by Health Minister Iraq Fazel. It gave no further details on the facility.
It said the centre was opened to mark the third anniversary of an Iraqi chemical weapons attack on the mountain town of Halabja on March 16-17, 1987, soon after the area was captured from Iraq.

AMMAN, March 19, (Kuna): Serie

Shariff in Amman

Leone's second vice president Salia Justi-Shariff today arrived here on brief visit during which he is to convey a message from President Joseph Saidu Momoh to Jordanian mon arch King Hussem.
Shariff is expected to meet with

Jordanian viceroy and Crown Prince. Hassan Bin Talal to hand over the message
Sierra Leone and Jordan are
bound by joint agreement on air
freight and aviation.

Meet on SA

CAIRO, March 19, [Kuna]: Meetings of the fourth session of an ad hoc committee on South Africa today

committee on South Africa today opened in Lusaka, Zambia.

Radio Cairo reported today, that Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak chaired the session in his capacity as current president of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU).

The committee meetings which are attended by thirteen heads of state, will discuss a report submitted by OAU, latest developments in South Africa and means of promoting liberation movement to end the armstheid regime.

Jall for spying

CAIRO, March 19, (Reute): A

Cairo court sentenced a Palestnian

Andrea for to 15 years hard labour today for trying to recruit Egyptians to spy for Israel. A second man, an Egyptan who

A second man, an Egyptan was need now has Israeli citizenship, was ried in absentia and also minutes of to 15 years hard labour on similar charges. The court was told Palestinian Awad Moussa, 35, and Egyptian Ibrahim Mesbah Al Sawarkey, 35, had worked for the the Israeli intelligence service Mossad.

# The second of the

.... prepare the catafalque of Armenian Patriarch Shnorkh Calustian day a stanbul's Virgin Mary Church for the funeral ceremony of the recrued leader of Turkey's 60,000 Armenian community. (Reuter wirephoto)

# 'Next move is Israel's'

bags of wheat, donated by the European Economic

Community, were used as fortification sandbags by

Ethiopean troops. (Reuter wirephoto)

The hostilities threatened a ceasefire called March

3 to halt the bloodiest Christian power struggle since

By police count, at least 762 people were killed and 2,116 wounded since Aoun's fight with Geagea

for control of the 310-square-mile (800-sq km)

fighting in south Lebanon between the Iranian-

backed fundamentalist Hezbollah, and the pro-

ching a surprise attack with tanks to recapture two

strategic villages in Iolim Al Tuffah, the apple province, southeast of the port city of Sidon.

sed Amal's onslaught on the villages of Kfar Hatta and Kfar Melki after heavy fighting with tanks, mortars and 106mm recoilless guns from dusk yes-

The communique said Hezbollah's fighters repul-

A Hezbollah communique accused Amal of laun-

Police said no casualties were reported from the

Lebanon's civil war started 15 years ago.

enclave started Jan 30.

terday to dawn today.

Syrian mainstream Amal militia.

Baker's plan remains in balance

CAYENNE, French Guiana, March 19, (UPI): US Secretary of State James Baker said the next step in the Middle East peace process must be taken by Israel, whose government collapsed last week because of bitter divisions over an American plan to promote talks with the Palestinians.

Clashes flare in Lebanon

"What happens now is a matter for the Israelis to determine. It is an internal matter within Israel," Baker told reporters aboard his plane en route to Windhoek, Namibia, for independence ceremonies. Baker's remarks indicate he is not planning to undertake new efforts to push forward the peace process until Israeli political leaders are able to put

together a new government. The Israeli Knesset, or parliament, voted Thursday to bring down the government of Prime Minister Yithzak Shamir after the Israeli leader refused to compromise and accept Baker's proposal for a Palestinian delegation to talks with Israel.

WASHINGTON, March 19, (AP):

Efforts by moderate officials in Iran to

push for the release of hostages being held in the Mideast have been derailed by

hardliners opposed to Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani, ABC news said last

In a report from Paris attributed to

sources within the Hezbollah movement

in Lebanon, the US television news

programme reported that leaders of

groups holding hostages in Lebanon were summoned to Tehran for meetings

hostages was sabotaged by Iranian har-dliners opposed to Rafsanjani," ABC correspondent Pierre Salinger reported.

"There, the current plan to release the

last week.

"The Israeli Knesset focused on the real issue," Baker said. "The real issue is do we move forward to peace? That question remains there." Baker had asked the Israeli government to allow the delegation to include Palestinians expelled from

Jerusalem who have a second residence in the West The delegation would meet with Israeli representatives in Cairo to negotiate on a framework for elections in the territories. The elections would choose Palestinian representatives to negotiate with Israel on a final settlement for the West Bank and

the occupied territories and Arabs from east

Gaza Strip.
Since the collapse of the government, Israeli President Chaim Herzog has been meeting with

### various political groups to determine which of the largest two parties, Labour or Shamir's Likud, has the best chance of forming a new government.

organisations, Islamic Jihad, issued a

captive American educators unless its

demands were met regarding Jewish

tified.

### Hardliners opposed to Rafsanjani derail efforts to win hostages' release: US network The hostage leaders returned to Lebanon three days ago and one of the

statement saying the hostages wouldn't be released," he said. "This position was confirmed at a secret meeting in Lebanon Rafsanjani himself said he thought the 48 hours ago." The sources were not further iden-

US government spokesman Alixe Glen said last night there would be no White House reaction to the report. There had been several weeks of hints tages must be found. that the hostage issue might be moving toward a solution until March 15 when Islamic Jihad threatened to kill three

immigration from the Soviet Union. The demands were not spelled out.

The Tehran Times newspaper in Iran, which has close ties to Rafsanjani, said in recent editorials that the hostages should be freed on humanitarian grounds.

issue was moving toward a solution. Also, Sheikh Mohammad Hussein Fadallah, spiritual guide of Hezbollah, said last month in a sermon that a humanitarian means of freeing the hos-

The longest held of 18 Western hostages is Terry Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent of the Associated Press, abducted in Beirut on March 16,

1985. Most of the others have been missing at least three years.

In Cyprus Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati and his Syrian counterpart Farouk Al Sharaa met for two hours to discuss Damascus-Tehran links and international developments, the official Islamic Republic News Agency said today.

Irna said Velayati stressed the need for stronger ties between Persian Iran and Arab Syria during the talks yesterday after Sharaa arrived in the Iranian

capital for a two-day visit.

The Irna dispatch, monitored in Nicosia, did not mention the issue of the foreign hostages in Lebanon.

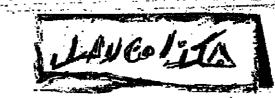
The agency said officials of the two

countries frequently discuss Lebanon Palestine, the Middle East and the

Muslim world. - \* Last month Sharaa told Peggy Say, sister of American hostage Terry Anderson, that he would raise the issue of Iranian help to free the 18. Westerners

held in Lebanon by pro-franian groups. He said he would work intensively with Iranian leaders for the hostages release and would bring up the subject during his trip to Tehran, -

President Rafsanjani has said be believes the issue of the hostages is moving toward a solution, but the radical faction that opposes him has argued against their release.



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# urkish fashion show at the Kuwait International

By Lima Ai Kh<del>alafaw</del>i

Arab Times staff

LAVISH embroidered Turkish traditional and modern clothes went on show on Friday at the Kuwait Inter-

pational Hotel. The oriental collection show was dominated with harem pants and embroidered capes and jackets adorned with touches of silver and gold.

A group of six models were swaying and moving their hands gracefuly to the lively oriental music that carried guests to the East. The colours were a mingle of mauves, oranges, mustards and olive greens that displayed good taste of harem costumes in the old times. Gowns, long skirts and salwars were of silk,

velvet and linen. The modern Turkish collection followed and simultaneously the modern

rhythms of Turkish music subtly changed with applause from the audience. The variation of long and short, skirts and salwars, pants and dresses showed the current trend that has an influence of the unfaded exquisite Turkish designs.

for the ceremony.

The Turkish festival and fashion show A Turkish wedding ceremony also was

cream.

split ice cream.

that took place on March 16-19, was praised by the people. 

portrayed in front of the guests when six

girls holding candles accompanying a

bride showed how a bride was prepared

### TELEVISION PROGRAMME

### KTV 1

MORNING

9.30 The Opening and Holy Quran

9.40 Sabah Al Kher news 9.50 Cartoon serial 10.15 Magazine D'Actualite

(repetition)

10.30 Shuaa Min Al Madi: Arabic serial (part 27)

11.30 Sabah Al Kher news 11.45 Challenges: cultural programme

12.15 Sabah Al Kher news

12.25 News summary 12.35 Holy Quran and

**EVENING** 

4.00 The Opening and Holy Ouran 4.15 The World Today via

Satellite (repetition) 4.45 Saham Al Fadha: cartoon serial (final part)

5.15 The World Tomorrow: cultural serial

5.45 Night chemists airlines and official advertisements 6.00 Wa Qalat Al Arab:

Historical serial 6.45 Varieties

7.00 Cultural programme (part 3) 8.00 Made in Kuwait: Information program-

presented by Dr Ali Al Damkhi 8.30 Good Evening and local news

me, prepared and

9.00 News in Arabic 9.45 Lil Adala Wajh Akhar: Arabic serial (part 7), starring Affaf Shuaib, Omar Al Harceri, Safa Sabe and Mohamed Khayri

10.45 Al Burkan: weekly Bedouin serial (final part), starring Rasheed Assaf, and Fadeya Khattab

11.30 News summary 11.45 The World Today via

Satellite 12.00 Holy Quran and Closedown

### KTV 2

6.00 Opening announcement and Holy Quran 6.10 Diplodos. A cartoon

series for children 6.30 The Little World of Dictmar Fill. "The Vision". An idea about the man who supervises this series and called "Dictmar" of European origin who is greatly interested in nature and natural life...

7.00 Peaceable Kingdom. Kitty Paws''. Rebecca has to coordinate her duties at home with those in the Ž00...

8.00 News in English 8.30 You and the Law.

8.45 Coming of Age. "Kids are coming...". Dick and Jennie receive their daughter, son-inlaw and their kids at their home where their peaceful life is turned upside down....

9.15 The American Century. "In Pursuit of Invention." Mobility, Freedom, Fun! And Congestion and pollution! The legacy of Henry Ford and his Model-T, which launched the age of mass production and a new work ethic. Then Wright Brothers, Charles Lindberg... to the astronauts....

10.00 The Twilight Zone. 11.15 "Beautiful are the Stars". 'American' authorities are requested by the government of South Africa to trace stolen diamonds ... Hawk sets up an

ambush where the diamonds during the shooting reach a young girl who is chased by both the robbers and the police....

12.15 News in Brief 12.30 Magazine D'Actualite

### CHEKA

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### WHAT'S ON

### ARTS

**Watercolours of Arabia** Recent watercolours by Patricia Millns on exhibition at the studio, the Tareq Rajab Museum, Jabriya, Saturday thru Thursday 9.30 to 12 and 4.30 to 8 pm, from March 6 to 20, 1990. Tel: 5315397: or 5318060.

Sultan Gallery
INDIAN artist Shamima Farid is showing a collection of her latest works at the Sultan Gallery, near Rolls Royce showroom. A wide selection of subjects are featured in the reaintings of the artist, who has exhibited widely in Kuwait and overseas. However, this is Shamima's first solo-exhibition in Kuwait. Open daily from 9 am to 1 pm and 4 to 8

SAS Hotel EXHIBITION of water colour and oil paintings as well as stained glass at the lobby until March 20.

### SOCIAL

"Bengali drama" "BANDHAN Chakra," Kuwait, a Bengali drama group, is going to per-form its third stage show, a Rengali drama, "Boudir Bengali drama, "Boudir Beeay" on Thursday, March 22 at 5 pm in the Starlight Theatre

hall at Doha Entertainment City, Kuwait.
The Ambassador of Bangladesh in Kuwait Mr. K. M. Sehabuddin will be the chief

guest. For entry cards, please contact the following persons: Abdur Rab, Tel. 4316823; Jasim Uddin, Tel. 2420484; Miah Mohammad Hanif, Tel. 4849100, Ext. 104 and Video A to Z, Tel. 3924320.

Ladies International League THERE will be a coffee morning for newcomers to LIL and Kuwait on Sunday March 25 at the Sheraton Hotel in the

Green Room from 10 am to 12 noon. All are welcome. For more info telephone Ann on 5316905.

Private Lives THE leading British theatrical group, Cafe Theatre, is staging Noel Coward's comedy, Private Lives, at the Kuwaji International Hotel on March 22 and 23. The play March 22 and 23. The play radiates warmth, vigour, fun and humour and Noel Coward's sparkling dialogue keeps the audience laughing all the way through. Tickets at: 2530000 Ext. 4010. The group also wishes to visit organisations for lectures and theatre workshops free of charge. Can be organised through the

Kuwait International. Narmada's Malayalam play NARMADA Theatres will be staging a social Malayalam play, A Love Mantra From Ujjain, at Indian Arts Circle auditorium, Funaitees on Friday, May II, 1990 at 6.30 pm. Written by Varghese Paul, lyrics by Rajendra Babu, music by Antony Joseph, the play is co-directed by Sherly John and directed by Jayan Pattathu. Various characters are being represented by popular stage artists among the

Malayalee community in

Public Relations Dept. of the

Kuwait. Holi - Festival of Colours THE IAC is celebrating the festival of colours to commemorate the coming of Spring on Thurs 22nd March at Funaitees with a suitable programme. Members and their guests are requested to contact the IAC office (3904817), Sharma (2644863), Raman (3903879), Mathews Srivastava (4343329), (4898162) or Munshi (2423740) for details and passes. Because of limitations, passes are available on first-come-first-

Kuwait Little Theatre
KUWAIT Little Theatre presents "Oh Clarence", a comedy by John Chapman, adapted from the books of P.G. Wodehouse. Gala Night is on March 19, 1990, at 7.30 pm with other performances on March 20, 21 and 22 at 8.00 pm. Tickets can be booked by phoning 3919759.

serve basis.

### **Badesik Picnic**

Bangladesh Diploma Engineers' Society in Kuwait (Badesik) has organised its annual picnic to be held in Mangaf family beach on March 23. The events included the prize distribution of recently completed indoor games and the children sports to be played on the spot. Bangladesh Ambassador 10 Kuwait K.M. Shehabuddin will be the chief

All Badesik member's are requested to contact general secretary Khalilur Rahman on tele 4330025 for more details.

Summer Affair '90 THE Weekend Club will host their traditional "Summer Affair" on the first day of Eid Al Fitr (April 26) at the Regency Palace Hotel. Watch or participate in the selection and crowning of the 1990 Summer Queen, join in a Jive Contest, watch a scintillating dis-play of "Lambada" or simply let your feet loose to the music of Top Ranks and Perfect Strangers. Gala buffet, loads of prizes and most important have a good time. For reservations call 4315425 (Julio), 5741380 or 4890566.

Shakespeare's Macbeth

THE London Shakespeare Group, who have already received rave reviews for their performance of Macbeth in Bahrain, Doha, Muscat and the Emirates, will perform at the Kuwait English School, Salwa on March 21 and 22, 1990 at 8 pm and on March 23, 1990, at 6 pm. The cast includes professional actors and actresses with classical backgrounds, who have appeared at the London's prestigious National Theatre, various West End theatres, television and radio. All seats are numbered, and can be reserved by ringing 5740256/ 7. 5625316, 5718143 or 5731782.

Bazaar

A BAZAAR will be held at the Sri Lanka embassy premises on Friday March 23, 1990, from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, organised by the Sri Lanka Seva Vanitha Unit Kuwait. All are welcome.

### Ladies international League

of Kuwait upcoming events LIL Desert Picnic on Friday; March 23, 1990. Members and their guests. For further information and tickets please contact Barbara on 5325131. Deadline for tickets is March

Yoga lessons FOR FITNESS and slimming, Kuwait International Hotel offers Yoga lessons for ladies, and men, every Sunday and Tuesday at 8.00 to 9.00 pm and on Friday from 10.30 to 11.30 am. For more information contact Antonie Kingma on 2533000 or Tanya on 5626529.

Bangladesh get-together A NUMBER of Bangladeshi families will hold a spring get-together at the Rawda Park, Damascus Street on March 23.

The day-long programme, which starts at 8 am, will include children's games, ladies and gents games and bingo. For details, contact tele-phone 3725312, 4315352, 4715734, or 3713923.

Daniella Desert Rally

The annual family rally for Danes will take place on Friday, March 23. For registration, please call Henrik — Tel: 3727688/92 ext. 246.

Rose Ferns' drama

MAY 10-11: Expatriates Club proudly announces that Goa's celebrated king of century shows Rose Ferns, and his sixteen member troupe, will present at the Granada Cinema hall, Kheitan, his premier release in Kuwait "Xinxe" (Broken Glass) and "Beiman Turn" (You Ungrateful) which has already crossed the hundred plus mark in Goa. More details later.

Konkani non-stop show

A Konkani non-stop show entitled Koxtt Ani Sontos (Hardships & Happiness), written and directed by Epa de Utorda, organised by Utorda Lourdes Boys will be staged on July 6, 1990 at 3.30 pm. Venue: Labour Union Hall, Maidan Hawalli

For more information con-

### German-speaking

**Cultural Association** THE forthcoming annual election will take place on Monday, March 26, 1990, 8 pm. at Kuwait International Hotel. Ahmadi Room. All ladies and gentlemen of the German-speaking community are requested to attend.

**British Council** 

Do you want to learn English in Britain or maybe you know someone who does? If so, come along the Education Office at The British Council on Monday March 19 or Tuesday March 20. We will be showing videos about language schools in Britian and giving away lots of information about courses, fees, accommodation etc. All are welcome!

Children's Books of the Year 1989 Exhibition — March 10-22 at The British Council Gallery.

Wednesday, March 21, 6.00 pm — Film showing: Asterix in Britain, The Movie. Go back, far back in time when the Britons stopped fighting for a tea break at 4.00 pm and everyone drank hot water with a little milk because tea hadn't been discovered yet. (75 min).

am. Story Time by a professional story teller. Please book seats by calling

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Le Meridien

AL WAHA Cafe features Crepe Festival until 22nd March. Crepes (thin pancakes) are prepared in front of the guest at a special counter. Choice of dessert fillings include fruit salad with cream custard and strawberry sauce. sliced fruit with orange sauce, strawberry with whipped cream, melba sauce and almond, and sliced banana with chocolate sauce. Choice of

topping include chocolate, honey, jam or marmalade, maple syrup and chantilly

Al Fingan Tea Lounge will feature Bananarama Festival from 18th until 22nd March. One can have a variety of choices of mouthwatering banana sweets such as banana fritters with honey, banana tarte, banana tartelettes, chocolate banana and banana charlotte. Special banana drinks include banana milk shake and banana strawberry cocktail. One can also enjoy our special banana

### 3715637 or Marianne - Tel: 3720137 before March 26. **PRAYERS**

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The new market

### Oh Clarence

# Kuwait Little Theatre

KUWAIT Little Theatre's latest production is the comedy Oh, Clarence, written by John Chapman and based on the Lord Emsworth books by P.G. Wodehouse.

The play starts on a beautiful summer's day in 1927 with Clarence, the ninth Earl of Emworth. content with his lot in life. "My pumpkins are a picture, there is no sign of my son and all's well with Unfortunately for Clarence the storm clouds are

gathering on the horizon. His son Freddie, who came for a short visit and is still around after a month, has fallen in love with a girl who is the niece of Clarence's hated neighbour, Sir Gregory Parsloe. To add to Clarence's troubles his sister decides to invite Sir Gregory and his niece to stay for the weekend. To add to the hilarity Clarence's own niece arrives to stay the weekend to try to forget a bad love affair, her love arrives in disguise, and an old flame of Clarence's turns up, still keen on Clarence but her

feelings are not reciprocated. Like all good comedies, it all turns out right in the end, but to get there involves a torturous and

comical route. The part of Clarence is played by Steven Lane a newcomer to the Kuwait Little Theatre. Other newcomers are Rachel Johnstone, Sue Dorrington and Elizabeth Crosby. The other members of the cast are Maureen Wringe, Hilary Jones, David Burfoot, Jim Williams, Roger Gribble, Derek Fryer, David Dorrington, and Billy Gribble. All of whom have shown in the past that they are fine comedy actors. There are two 'ex Pantomime Dames' in the cast but neither of them will be wearing a frock this time.

The play is directed by David Dorrington and starts at the Kuwait Little Theatre on Monday, March 19, with the gala night. Other performances follow on until Thursday, March 22. Tickets are only KD3 and they can be had by telephoning 3919759.







Jim Maijams

Letters to the editor

SIR: I write this letter as a distressed parent to tring to the notice of other parents and the Ministry of Education the dilemma that faces us and our young

children.

The Indian School at Mangaf has claimed that due to an acute shortage of space it has become necessary to hold an afternoon shift for some sections of standards II, III & IV. My third child (son) aged 6 years and 9 months will start the lind standard in April 1990 and we have been instructed that it is mandatory for him to attend the afternoon shift which will entail that he leaves the house at 11.30 am and return in the

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Parents' plight

# ARAB@TIMES

Thought for today

THE most manifest sign of wisdom is continued cheerfulness - Michel Montaigne, French essayist (1533-

### Tax proves her undoing

# Thatcher victim of own success

LONDON, (AP): In the streets, tax protesters burn Margaret Thatcher's effigy and in the inner sanctums of her nervous 'Conservative Party there is talk of trying to dump her this autumn.

Her closest supporters are convinced she will ultimately triumph, but the Thatcherite free-market revolution has hit its roughest patch since she swept to power in 1979.

she swept to power in 1979.

Thatcher has weathered tough spells before. But this time things look dangerously different for the prime minister who has dominated Britain through the 1980s and challenged its every institution, from the welfare state, through lawyer's monopolies to the labour unions.

What began as a blip in inflation in the spring of 1988 has turned into a crisis undermining the core of her political success: the sense she gave millions of Britons that even if they didn't like her, she made them

"There was never a widespread acceptance of her enterprise culture." Robert Skidelsky, professor of international studies at Warwick University, said in an interview.

Accepted

"But she was accepted as a very strong leader, someone who had got the economy under control and brought a tremendous increase in living standards in real terms ... suddenly all that has started to come unstuck and her strongest claim to rule is undermined."

In the past 20 months, a doubling of interest rates in an attempt to curb inflation has sent the cost of home loans and other credit soaring. Hardest-hit are millions of new homeowners, small businesses and skilled blue-collar workers - people who symbolize Thatcherism

Meanwhile inflation, just 3.3 per cent two years ago, remains stubbornly high at around eight per cent.
"In the beginning I thought her ideas were brilliant," says Sheila

Jackson, who lives with her husband, a 140-pound-a-week (230-dollara-week) plaster, and two children on a public housing estate in Weymouth, southern England.

"We were going to buy our house this year. Now that's on hold because of the interest payments... you feel you're getting nowhere with her. I'm ashamed to say I voted for her."

This sudden loss of spending power is worsened by a property tax reform that was supposed to be Thatcherism's master stroke, but is looking like a serious political miscalculation.

By changing the system from graded levies on property to a straight head tax on every adult. Thatcher thought she could demonstrate to voters that Tories run local government more cheaply than the socialist opposition, the Labour Party.

Poll tax

Instead, the so-called poll tax is costing the average household about one-third more — 675 (\$107) — from April I, and Thatcher is getting

Demonstrators fought running battles with police and invaded town halls all over England, and the Conservatives have sunk to their lowest ratings for nearly two decades — up to 20 points behind Labour.

It presents the 64-year-old prime minister with a fundamental

She has built her prestige on a refusal to shirk unpopular measures for the sake of popularity. To back down is simply not in this grocer's

But unless she relents on the poll tax, she will alienate voters as well as members of her own party who fear for their seats in the next election.

Many Britons have long regarded Europe's first woman prime minister as dogmatic, bossy and extreme. Surveys marking her 10th anniversary in power last May showed majorities still oppose some key tenets of her mission to demolish socialism, such as selling off stateowned industries and reforming the national health, education and legal systems.

But until now, the grocer's daughter from Grantham, a small town in central England, could demonstrate that whatever the intelligentsia thought, she was in touch with ordinary people: tough on crime, patriotic enough to wage war for an obscure colony like the Falklands Islands, strong enough to face down powerful trade unions.

But the poll tax has made even her staunchest supporters wonder. 'It was a blunder, putting at risk for the first time Mrs Thatcher's claim to be the authentic voice of middle England," commented Peregrine Worsthorne in London's right-wing Sunday Telegraph.

Writing off

No one is writing off Thatcher's chances of leading the Conservatives to an unprecedented fourth successive victory at the next election, which must be held by mid-1992. "I am very happy in the business I do, very happy indeed," she said

Last November, however, she faced a challenger for the first time at the annual election of party leader, and although she won handsomely, there is now at least a possibility that her critics will try again this year.

If she loses, she automatically ceases to be prime minister. The idea that Margaret Thatcher may no longer be prime minister by the autumn must now be taken seriously," said the respected weekly, the Economist.

Favourite as successor is Michael Heseltine, 57, a charismatic former defence secretary who is projecting himself as the Tory who will usher in a kinder, gentler post-Thatcherite age.

Thatcher aides argue that inflation and interest rates will inevitably fall by year's end, if only because the government must create a pre-election recovery. But even then, Thatcher seems in for a much tougher

### **TODAY IN HISTORY**

1602 - United East India Company is chartered by States-General of Holland.

1616 - Sir Walter Raleigh is released from Tower of London to seek gold in Guiana.

1784 — Holland cedes Negapatam, Madras, India, to Britain. 1800 — French Army under J.B. Kleber defeats Turks at Helipolis, Turkey, and advances toward Cairo, Egypt.

1815 — Napoleon Bonaparte enters Paris and the "hundred" days" begins.

1849 - Second Sikh war between Sikhs and Britain begins in India; Ludwig I. King of Bavaria, abdicates.

1850 - Another Anglo-Kaffir war breaks out in South Africa. 1916 — Allies agree on partition of Turkey.

1942 — US Gen Douglas MacArthur declares "I shall return" to Philippines which he left for Australia during early days of

1952 - South Africa Supreme Court invalidates race legisla-1956 - France recognises independence of Tunisia, with

Bourguiba as first president. 1957 - Britain accepts Nato offer to mediate in Cyprus but Greece rejects.

1972 -- Nineteen mountain climbers on Japan's Mount Fuji are killed in avalanche. 1987 — Italian Air Force general is shot dead by two youths on motorcycle, and attack is described as work of Red Brigades

terrorist group. 1988 — Honduran warplanes bomb Nicaraguan positions in rugged border area where Sandinistan troops were slow to

withdraw to their country. 1989 - Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yasser Arafat blames Israeli government for escalating violence in West Bank and Gaza Strip.

### Results favour quick reunification

# Boost to Kohl's prospects

EAST BERLIN. (Reuter): The conservative landslide in East Germany's first free elections on Sunday was a ringing triumph for German unification, free market economics and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

The Alliance for Germany, a three-party coalition that Kohl cobbled together only in January, chalked up a projected 52 per cent of the vote on Sunday with slogans like "prosperity for all," "we are one people" and "freedom, not socialism."

Its biggest party, the Christian Democratic Union

(CDU), took the lion's share with about 43 per cent despite colourless leaders and a 40-year history of meekly blessing the policies of the now-disgraced communist leadership.

Key role West Germany's Christian Democrat chancellor clearly played a key role in the result, addressing hundreds of thousands of East Germans at six

jubilant railies during the campaign.

At their peak, the turnout rivalled the biggest of the Leipzig Monday protests that toppled Erich Honecker's Stalinist old guard. In recent weeks, Kohl drew far more fans than any other politician and more than he ever gets at home.

The victory was also an enormous boost to Kohl's prospects in West Germany's elections in Decem-

Deaf to criticism he was stampeding East Germany towards unity, Kohl unveiled sweeping plans to introduce the powerful West German mark as legal tender here and make unification a simple decision for East Germany.

The offer of a quick jump towards Western affluence was clearly more tempting than the message of caution that parties to the left, including the Social Democrats (SPD) and the communists, hammered home to worried voters.

Unity "We said from the beginning that we wanted German unity without any ifs, ands or buts," said Lothar de Maiziere, the low-key head of the Eastern

"People have decided most of all for a quick route (to unity)," a dejected Ibrahim Boehme, head of the badly bruised Social Democrats (SPD), said in his

Oskar Lafontaine, the Western SPD's probable challenger to Kohl in December, charged the conservatives had won by making pie-in-the-sky promises. "The people have bet on the man who promises big money," he said.

Volker Ruehe, general secretary for Kohl's Wes-

tern CDU, was quick to claim victory for Kohl. "This is first of all a victory for our friends here, but of course also for Helmut Kohl. He took a big risk, he committed himself completely," Ruche said.

Kohl's prolonged reluctance to accept Poland's Oder-Neisse border as final, angered Warsaw, upset many of Bonn's European allies and drew a cautious rebuke from De Maiziere but clearly did the East

German conservatives no harm. Nor did the last-minute withdrawal of one key conservative alliance leader, Wolfgang Schnur of the Democratic Awakening Party, who admitted to having been a security police informer.

East Gemany's liberals, backed by Bonn Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher's Free Democratic Party, did well enough with five percent to make a mirror-image coalition of the centre-right possible in both states.

Alliance

De Maiziere, a descendant of a French Protestant family that sought asylum in Berlin in the early 18th century, said the alliance would have to form a broad coalition but did not say which parties he had

The conservative romp removes a major complication from the current inter-German talks on unification and could open the way for pan-German elections as early as this December. A strong CDU on the Eastern side of the negotiat-

ing table will present fewer problems for Kohl than an SPD leadership, which would present more demands to protect East Germans against the stiff wind of West German capitalism.

Conservative strategists in Bonn had feared the Eastern SPD might try to trip Kohl up in the

SHARPEVILLE, South Africa, (Reuter): Adam Malefane is still waiting for an apology 30 years after the bullets of Shar-

He survived the worst massacre in

modern South African history but only

after 10 bullets smashed his knees and left

Malefane, then a 25-year-old office clerk,

says a white policeman kicked him as he lay

bleeding among the dead and wounded and

mockingly told him to sing anti-apartheid

slogans.
"When will the whites apologise to the

blacks for what they have done?" the stocky

former bodybuilder asked in an interview,

seated with his crutches by his side in his

**Turning point** 

The 1960 killing by police and troops of 69 blacks in Sharpeville township south of

Johannesburg marked a turning point in

For the first time, the word "apartheid"

was emblazoned across front pages around the world and newspaper readers became

aware of the harsh nature of racial segrega-

The massacre also provoked some vote-

less blacks to take up the armed struggle in

Malefane was among hundreds of people

who gathered outside the township's police station on the morning of March 21, 1960, to protest against the hated Pass Law sys-

tem that restricted the movement of blacks.

The crowd planned to hand in their pass

books to the police in line with a nationwide anti-apartheid campaign organised by the Pan-Africanist Congress (PAC), a radical breakaway group from the main black

nationalist group, the African National Congress (ANC).

The people were singing freedom songs and throwing their pass books in the air, but

were otherwise peaceful. Few expected violence and some women had brought

"We had no sticks, spears, or stones nothing," said Malefane. Using his crut-

ches, he accompanied a Reuter correspon-

dent on a tour of the site of the massacre, a

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The system was abolished only in 1986.

their campaign for political rights.

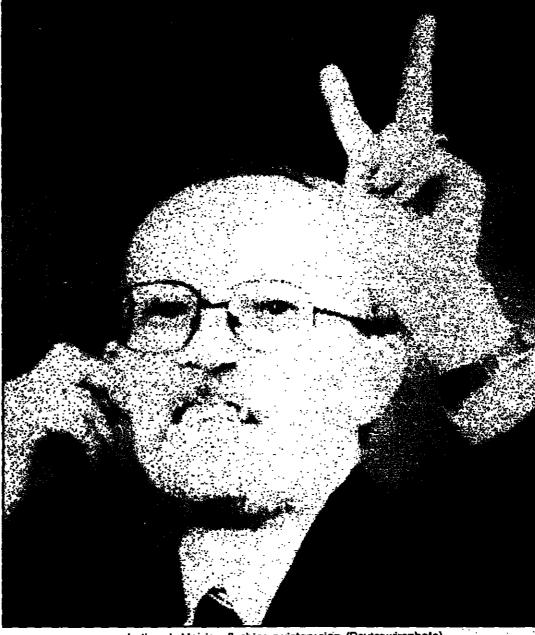
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South African history.

tion in South Africa.



Lothar de Maiziere flashing a victory sign. (Reuter wirephoto)

# 'Last premier' of GDR

EAST BERLIN, March 19, (Reuter): Lothar de Maiziere, a human rights lawyer and lay church-man who gave East Germany's Christian Democrats (CDU) new respectability, seems set to be the former communist state's last prime mini-

A slight man with a speech impediment, De Maiziere, 50, led the CDU to a surprise triumph in Sun-day's first free election, overcoming its 40-year history as fellow travellers of the ousted Stalinist regime. Last

"I am sure this will be the last Volkskammer (East German Parliament) election," he told a television interviewer. He deflected queries about the premiership by saying: "I won't talk about personnel questions tonight.

Victory left him almost lost for

His account of the incident tallied closely

He said that at about 11.45 a.m., a black

with those of other survivors and Sharpevi-

police officer told the crowd to move to a

piece of open ground about 200 metres

(yards) away where a government minister would come to hear their grievances. Most

"At about 1.30 p.m. they said we must

"Five minutes later a black municipal

disperse. But they did not have loudspeak-

police officer came and told us to move or

we would be shot ... three Saracens

(armoured cars) drove up and parked out-

side the station .... there were four helicop-

ters above us. We could see whites inside the

Saracens checking the machinery of the

It was almost 1.40 pm when two black official cars drove up. A white man wearing

a military uniform and carrying a stick got

"We didn't see him give a sign, wave the stick or say anything, but then it started...

the shooting went on for three or four

He said the shooting came from heavy

machine guns on the army Saracens and

from dozens of white policemen with sten

policemen came up to him and asked each other whether it was worth shooting him

of the men saying.
One of the officers kicked him in the legs,
Malefane said: He looked up and heard the

officer say: "You're looking at me. Now try

Treated

Malefane said nothing. He went under

He had to wait three months to be treated

'I'm not a Kaffir (black) doctor," an

Afrikaner white doctor explained to him,

police guard to a hospital in the nearby

hites-only town of Vereeniging.

saying Izwelethu Afrika (our land Africa).

He said that as he lay wounded two

"No, he will die anyway," he recalis one

minutes, maybe five," Malefane said.

of the crowd refused to move.

ers and some of us didn't hear."

cannons mounted on top."

out of one of the cars.

in West Germany's December election.

negotiations to score points for its Western brother

After toying with the idea in February, Kohl

recently ruled out pan-German elections this year

when it looked like the Social Democrats might win

Sharpeville recalled

As jubilant supporters chanted a new slogan — "Lothar, Lothar" — at the CDU's election party, the likely future leader of East Germany could only say: "This is an unexpec-tedly good result which makes us

A former orchestral viola playe with a professsorial grey beard, De Maiziere has flourished in the shadow of West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who totally dominated the East German CDU's cam-

paign.
His speeches failed to warm up the crowds before Kohl's booming voice brought them to their feet at campaign rallies.

But his conciliatory manner may prove an asset in building a broad coalition to negotiate an economic and monetary union as a prelude to unification with West Germany.

De Maiziere took over the CDU

reform communist prime minister Hans Modrow. At the same time he steered the

But the chancellor is known for shifting course

quickly and he could still opt for early pan-German

elections if unification makes quick progress in the

CDU into an alliance with two new conservative parties and won the vital backing of Kohl's Bonn Christian Democrats just seven weeks before the election.

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communist tellow travelses accommitting it to democracy, a market economy and rapid unification with West Germany.

Caretaker

He served as a deputy prime mini-

ster in the cretaker coalition of

He took frequent part in round table talks on democratic reforms

with the leading opposition groups.

De Maiziere joined the CDU when he was 16 but, out of strong Christian convictions, avoided any ranking posts that would have disqualified him for his current job.

ber, after suffering months of Collor's unrestrained Collor for stander.

A central plank in Collor's government

Theme

Another recurrent theme in Collor's speeches is his desire to lift Brazil into the select group of rich, industrialised nations — not for him the role that Brazil has traditionally sought of leader of the Third

Collor projected himself during the election campaign as a man outside the establishment. After his election victory he said time and again that he would

harming the country.

But Collor himself is very much a man of Brazil's chite. He is rich and his family has been in politics for generations. His father, the late Sen. Armon Affonso de Mello, was bred in the tough world of politics and

in 1963 shot dead a fellow senator on the floor of Congress.
Collor was born in Rio de Janeiro on Aug 12, 1949. He studied economics in Brazilia University and journalism in the Federal University of Alagoas.

After working in the family's media business he turned to politics and in 1979 he was nominated

struggling on starvation wages.

Collor has been married twice. His first marriage in 1975 was to socialite Lilibeth Monteiro de Carvalho.

The couple, who had two sons, separated in 1981. Three years later he married Rosane Malta, a student at business school.



Basin Reserve. That was my first Test and the last one will be at the Basin Reserve against the Australians... that's a nice way to start and finish."—New Zealander Richard Hadlee on his last cricket match.

"This would appear to have offended a numbr of Australians who have relatives buried there, not to mention British and Dutch," spokesman Russ Properjohn on why Thai government dropped a scheme to develop River Kwai for tourism.

We say manks to the leaders of Potand, Czechoskovakus, Hungary and Bulgaria for the lesson they have taught as. We feel now more socialist than ever, if that were possible. We feel repugnance for those who have struck a colossal deadly deal with the imperialism. We feel a stronger repugnance for berrayal. — Fidel Castro.

"I hear the voices coming from Washington these days about Jerusalem that put every lew in Israel on the alert. I have to react, I have to take it into account." Shamir on US policy and the Mideast crisis.



Malefane on the spot where he was shot. (Reuter wirephoto)

# evening at 6.30 pm. My first two girls aged 12 and 9; and youngest child agedf 3 1/2 go together for the morning shift. Both my wife and I work for the Ministry of Health and we do not have a servant. How could we, who work in the morning shift, allow a child aged 6 years and 9 months remain in the house himself, until he ferries himself to the school at

11.30 am? is it really necessary that children of this age be put on an afternoon shift particularly in the hot summer weather? Would a citizen of this country allow his children to be dealt with in this manner? I have brought this problem to the notice of the authorities, who are adamant they cannot consider the issue. I have felt the need to voice these difficulties: to a wider audience hoping that I can find an avenue for a satisfactory solution.

Samuel Gnanadas, **Fahaheel** 

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### Collor: capitalised on social malaise

BRASILIA, (Reuter): Fernando Collor de Mello. inaugurated on Thursday as the youngest president in Brazilian history, rode at breakneck speed to the presidency on promises of banishing four digit infla-

presidency on promises of bankaning four-digit anta-tion and mass poverty.

Collor, 40, who is a black-belt karate expert with cool poise and elegant suits, began the 1989 election race as a complete outsider. He won broad support with his robust attacks on the highly impopular, government of president Jose Sarney, which he accused of corruption.

He capitalised politically on a profound social

malaise in Brazil, where prices went up a record 1.765 per cent in 1989. When Cultor first rose to the top of the opinion polls in April 1989, rivals dismissed him as a nine-day

But he stayed on top all the way to victory in

December when he begt socialist Luz Inacio Lula da Silva by four million votes. He was the first president elected by direct vote since 1960. Brazilians viewed Samey as weak and ineffectual, but Collor exided youth and vigour. Coming from a wealthy political family in the northeast state of

wealthy political family in the northeast state of Alagoas, he combines a right-wing political track record with the rhetoric of social retorm.

When he begap to emerge as the brightest hope against the left, he received the support of the mighty Globo empire of media; woose Reberto Marinho and Heisstroughy backed by Globo, which is the big opmon-maken in the country? said-political accenting to the country.

Collor's family owns a television station, radio ist Bolivar Lamounier. stations and a newspaper in Alagoas, where he was governor until he entered the presidential race. The television station, TV Gazeta of Alagoas, is linked to

His party, the Party of National Reconstruction (PRN), was founded early last year as a vehicle for his

One of the hallmarks of his election campaign was the vehemence of his attacks on Samey. In Novem-

verbal attacks, Samey announced he would sac Samey later quietly dropped the matter and worked with his successor in the run-up to the

programme is cutting back Brazil's huge state sector, which accounts for about two-thirds of the economy.

do battle with Brazil's elites, whom he accused of

mayor of Maceio, capital of Alagoas state, by the then military government in Brazil.

Elected governor of Alagoas in 1986, he led a campaign against highly-paid civil servants called "maharajahs" and became a hero for many people struccling on starvation was see

# Quote me

"Democracy being implemented in Chile Democracy being implemented in Chile has been a good example for the entire world and has been an inspiration for the people of Nicaragua as they, too, have voted for democracy. In 1980, 20 per cent of the people of Latin America lived under democratic rule, today, democratic rule. — US Vice-President Dan Quayle.

"We say thanks to the leaders of Poland, Czechoslovakia,

policy and the Mideast crisis.



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

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fifty per cent of the investible resources are deployed for agriculture and rural development, the central plan for 1990-91 will have a 49 per cent share for the rural sector in budgetary support, up from the current year's level of 44 per cent.

Deplayers also proposed a

Dandavate also proposed a scheme for providing debt relief to farmers for borrowers who have taken loans of upto Rs ten thousand from public sector and regional rural banks. A beginning will be made on an employment guarantee scheme with a scheme for drought prone areas and regions with chronic problems of rural unemployment, he

Among other things, Dandavate threw up a suggestion to give workers a share in the ownersnip of public sector undertakings, an idea on which he invited comments from

experts and members of parliament. For Non-resident Indiana settled abroad, Dandavate said the government would continue to provide special facilities for them to invest their savings in India. The procedures will be simplified so that they can function with a sense of confidence and in line with declared national policy, he said.

The finance minister also announced some changes in the baggage rules relating to free allowance admissible to passengers arriving from foreign countries. The general from Rs1,250 to Rs2,000 per passen-

There will be a uniform duty rate of 250 per cent for baggage in excess of this limit against the existing 175 per cent and 245 per cent. He has also proposed a uniform duty rate of 25 per cent on specified articles brought by passengers from abroad after a stay of more than one year, subject to certain conditions.

### D illar eases

LONDON, March 19, (UPI): The dollar closed lower against the major European currencies today. Gold

was up.
The dollar closed lower in Frankfurt to at 1.6790 German marks. against 1.6950 at Friday's close, and also was lower in Paris at 5.690 French francs against 5.7390, in Brussels to 35.90 Belgian francs against 35.24 and in Milan at 1,245.00 lire from 1,254.10.

Zurich at 1.5065 Swiss francs.
In London, the pound closed more han a cent lower against the dollar, at \$1.6115 against \$1.6240 at

Friday's close.

Dealers said the pound sank to its lowest level in three months against the German mark.
In Zurich, gold closed higher in London at \$402.75 per ounce against

Silver closed unchanged in Zurich at \$5.10 per ounce, and also was unchanged in London, closing at \$5.13 per ounce.

### **WORLD STOCK** ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, March 19, (Reuter): Australia's share market closed firmer m the face of heavy falls in Tokyo's Nikkei index. The All Ordinaries ended up 15.2 at 1,599.7.
TOKYO: Tokyo shares dropped

more than 1,300 points to close wil the third biggest one-day point fall in history. The key 225-ahare Nikkei index plunged 1,353,20 to close at 31,263,24, a 4.15 per cent drop.

HONG KONG: Share prices eased

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By M.C. Bose **Business** editor

A WELL-KNOWN Kuwaiti banker has said the role of financial intermediaries such as banks and financial institutions is very important in every economic strategy of any nation. Hence the need for this financial intermediation system to integrate well with the culture and beliefs of a society is extremely important especially in an Islamic nation because Islam demands of its followers total integration of the religion in all aspects of an individual's life. This has an important effect on the efficiency of an interest based intermediation system as it touches on two of the system's most important activities.

Adnan Ai Bahar, general manager of the Kuwait Finance House was addressing a seminar on banking and finance at the Kuwait SAS Hotel yesterday, The seminar was jointly organised by MEED's local agent, MEFD Publishing Co. Ltd., UK and the SAS Hotel.

Talking about the challenge of Islamic banking, Al Bahar said societies naturally seek to grow, develop and prosper. To achieve this they compete with each other which in turn forces them to utilise their resources in the most efficient manner on a continuing basis.

He said Islamic societies must search for their own solutions, solutions that can satisfy their needs of active financial intermediation systems that operate in line with the demands of the Islamic sharia. Creating a noninterest based financial intermediation system has its challenges, such as the need to develop a supervision and monitoring system and the mechanics to operate

monetary policy.
Al Bahar said: "However it is my belief that the cost and efforts that are needed by an Islamic society to adopt an alien financial system are far higher in the long run because of inefficiencies than the short-term costs of building a system that has been specially designed to fit with the culture of these societies. An economic system like that if engineered with due care and has a good chance of breeding corporate entities and entrepreneurs

that are innovative and creative." "I think that the Japanese offer us a good example, not that the Japanese are specially good at inventing new products but that they have adapted Western management theories and practice in a way that allowed them to get the maximum efficiency and value out of their capabilities as a nation with the minimum waste of resources and it has also helped them to develop some distinctive competitive advantages in areas such as quality control and the capability to perfect production systems and cut production costs," he said. Al Bahar said: "Now let's look

into how successful has Islamic banking been in developing into an alternative financial intermedia-tion system that blends in the best possible manner with the culture of Islamic societies, how resourceful has it been in developing it's talents and capabilities to best support the development strategies of these societies and how well does it link these societies with the global capital and trade markets.

The earliest Islamic financial institutions were established between 1975 and 1977. This is at least twenty-five behind the major introduction of banking in most Islamic countries. But this was necessary as the design of a system that was suitable to local values needed local expertise in the financial services industry which takes time to build. However in the meantime these nations urgently needed financial intermediation

The earliest Islamic banks faced serious challenges ranging from general suspicions about their viability to a common mistrust of their intentions. It was a great challenge to build general public trust and to convince the financial community at home and abroad of the soundness of their business methods.

Since then Islamic banking has steadily grown to a level where we today have an Islamic bank in nearly every Islamic country and those that still do not have one are

Many of these Islamic financial institutions today hold a major market share ranging between 10 per cent and 20 per cent in their respective countries in spite of the fact that in all cases they are by far the youngest of all financial institutions operating in these markets. This can be seen in countries such as Kuwait, Qatar, Egypt,

Sudan, Bahrain, and many others. This clearly shows that Islamic banks have been very successful in developing the financial inter-mediary model that best fits Islamic societies. This is demonstrated in the market share that the Islamic banks have built over the past few years in their respective markets, overcoming all the doubts in the market place and some not so successful initial experiences.

Moreover several Islamic financial institutions have been operating in the world's major financial centres in non-Islamic societies quite successfully primarily cater-ing to the international financial requirements of their traditional home based clients and acting as abridge between their domestic clients and the international financial markets.

He said Islamic banks at the beginning faced some difficulties in recycling these savings efficiently and this was due to two reasons: Very fast deposits growth reflecting strong customer demand for Islamically acceptable financial products.

These institutions were venturing into new grounds, so while customer demand for banking services was relatively well developed in most of these markets, instruments of financing and investment that confirmed to the Islamic sharia were totally under-But the problem did not last

iong. Acceptable and efficient investment vehicles were developed during the ensuing periods and today Islamic banks are utilising their funds quite efficiently and in the process have developed some very successful and innovative financing and



Non-interest system has its challenges

Adnan Al Bahar

investment techniques. These developments vary, from one country to another den ading on the

nature of each market. In Kuwait "Kuwait Finance House" was established in 1978 to be the first financial institution to operate its business in accordance with the Islamic sharia and still remains the only such financial institution. Kuwait Finance House is the latest institution which came into being as financial services industry. In spite of being new, small and with limited experience, Kuwait Finance House was able in less than seven years, to carve a market share of approximately 20 per cent and became one of the major financial institutions in

KFH started operating in 1979, in a mature financial market with extensive service coverage. especially in the retail business, by large financial institutions with branch networks ranging between 20 and 40 branches each. Besides this, there were other difficulties confronting Kuwait Finance House: It was to operate in a little explored field with very limited expertise or know-how to draw

It was not considered a bank and hence faced many problems to secure acceptability by other finanthem to do business on its terms.

There was no clear institutional relationship between Kuwait Finance House and the Central Bank of Kuwait. Therefore Kuwait Finance House did not have a say in

financial matters.

Meanwhile, KFH had a very clear mission and a focused and well communicated strategy to provide viable and Islamically acceptable alternatives to conven-

tional banking products.

A strong belief in and a commitment to the mission and goals of KFH shared by its shareholders, management, staff and customers and a shared sense of responsibility which helped create a very favourable corporate culture.

Financial institutions did not see KFH as a competitor as they did not see it as a bank, so KFH was

allowed some room to manoeuvre. There was a large potential demand for Islamic financial services as it became clear from the big turnover.

KFH met with a very favourable response from customers and grew by leaps that surpassed 100 per cent growth rates in some years in both assets and profitability and proceeded to gain the high market share it enjoys today.

KFH services were not confined to viable alternatives to conventional sinancial services, but gradually went beyond that by exploiting the special talents and capabilities it gained in the process to provide innovative and differentiated products that appealed not only to the Islamic segments but to many other segments of the

society.

KFH has given the Kuwaiti society the capability to use its financial intermediary function in a manner that fits with its culture and values allowing a good percentage of the Kuwaiti society an acceptable and vaible vehicle to channal its savings to finance Kuwait's economic development. and opened up the financial industry to Kuwaitis to seek a produc-

tive and rewarding career. It has also given the consumer a means to finance his needs, and the

businessman a chance to fund his business, all while at peace and harmony with ones faith and religion which creates the right base for people to bring out the best of their capabilities.

KFH has also introduced new, innovative and very useful products and services to this society. Banks try to avoid mer-chandize risks and feel comfortable with risks of debt. On the other hand merchants prefer to deal in merchandize risks and are not comfortable with the risk of debt.

In the retail markets, KFH identified that the major needs behind a personal loan were to finance the purchase of cars, furniture or building materials. Hence KFH provided these goods to customers on installments by means of special purchase arrangements with the local suppliers, and because of its ability to purchase in quantities it was able to get a special discount and therefore offer a better price to

its customers than the banks.

Islamic banks have done a lot in linking their nations with the rest of the world especially the developing world, more specifically Arab and Islamic countries. This has been done through opening branches and subsidiaries in these countries which helps the flow of capital and exports between them, while conventional Arab financial institutions have concentrated their international operations mainly in the already developed Western countries.

Al Bahar said to further clarify this, there are seven Islamic financial institutions in the GCC countries. These institutions today operate approximately twenty five units in the form of foreign branches or subsidiaries (the biggest networks are those of Albarak and Dar Almal with KFH behind with a much smaller network). This makes an average of three and a half units per institution compared to Kuwaiti conventional banks' average of two units per bank.

Islamic banks are also working hard on encouraging trade flows among Islamic countries and have created funds that are devoted to financing exports between these countries. They are also in the process of establishing a large trading company that will be based in Bahrain with the purpose of encouraging the development of trade among its member countries.

Another very important advantage is that financial institutions operating according to the codes of Islamic Sharia are in a much better position to withstand competition from global and pan-regional financial institutions in their local markets. In fact there are distinct opportunities for them to carve ou a place for themselves in the global financial markets if they manage themselves well due to their differentiated products and specialisation in areas where large global players do not compete. This possibility is of very important value to nations targetting an inter-national role for their financial

services industry. He said that there is no doubt that Islamic banking is a phenomenon that goes much deeper than the issue of merely a banking system structured to operate in line with the Islamic Sharia. It is a fundamental shift in the attitude of our society that concerns all who are involved with it one way or the other. It reflects the growing awareness of Islamic societies that they really can not continue to ignore their heritage and societal values.

On the contrary they must learn to live with it in peace and harmony and be proud of their independent character and social system.

Meanwhile, Bankers' Day was organised at the Kuwait SAS Hotel by holding an exhibition of banking products and books on finance.

The companies which displayed their products were top computer companies such as IBM, Wang (Kuwait Computer Services) and Computhink, Reuter, world's largest electronic publisher displayed their latest products. McGraw and Butterworth books on banking and finance were displayed. The Middle East Financial Directory (MEFD 1990) which has been released this month was also dis-

## Kuwait cuts oil price for Japan

NICOSIA, March 19, (Agencies): Kuwait has agreed with its Japanese term customers for a 25 cents reduction in its crude price formula for the second quarter of this year, an oil

The second quarter price formula has been set at Oman/Dubai spot average minus 75 cents per barrel as compared with Oman/Dubai spot average minus 50 cents per barrel for the first quarter, the Nicosia, Cyprus-based Middle East Econic Survey (MEES) reported.

Agreements on the second quarter price formula for Kuwait crude,

vhich follows Saudi Arabia's 20 cent cut in Far East price formulas for April, under which Arabian medium is set at Oman/Dubai minus 65 cents per barrel, was initially reached in

in Hong Kong in reaction to the slide in Tokyo stock prices. The Hang Seag index ended 15.07 points lower at 2,871.39.

BOMBAY: Nervous trading kept investors to the sidelines on day of the 1990/91 budget, ending March 31, so that shares ended mixed. The Bombay Stock Exchange index fell 4.99 to

PARIS: In line with the decline on major stock markets, French share prices ended near the days lows. The market opened slightly lower on Tokyo's sharp drop and a new wave of late sales was triggered by Wall Street's initial slide. The CAC-40 index lost 21.86 points to 1,936.96. talks between the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation and Cosmo Oil last urged member states to adhere to the Opec's production package reached

week, MEES said. Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa left Vienna today after attenprice and production monitoring panel, concluded here on Saturday.

The eight-member ministerial panel, which comprises oil ministers of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Algeria, Iran, Nigeria, Indonesia and Venezuela had conducted intensive consultations on the topics that would be discussed by the Opec min-isterial council in its ordinary session here next May 25.

After comprehensive delibera-tions on supply-demand conditions national oil markets, the ministers

The package has set an overall production ceiling of 22 million barrels a day and a bench price of \$18

At the end of the panel's meeting here Saturday evening, the chairman of the current session. Algerian Oil Minister Sadiq Bousinnah said the ministers reviewed various proposals and ideas relating to prospects of prices, supply-demand and produc-tion in international markets.

the ministerial council would work out the new production ceiling, the new bench price and assign quotas for each member country for the second half of the year.

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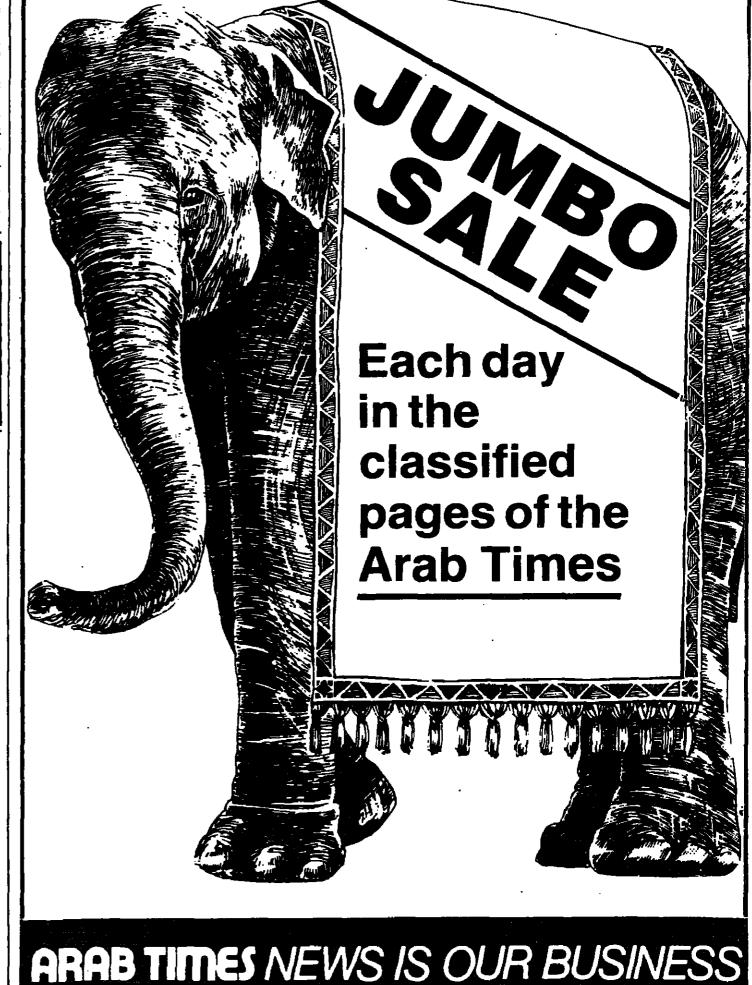
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## Beijing budget deficit mounts

BELIING, March 19, (Reuter): China unveils its annual budget this week and economists say it will show a fifth consecutive deficit as the cost of bailing out state industry soars.

The economists expect the 1990 budget, to be presented at the annual meeting of parliament, to show a deficit similar to the eight to 10 billion yuan (\$1.7 billion to 2.1 billion) shortfall recorded last year.

"Payments to state enterprises ballooned last year because of the austerity policy," said a Western economist. "That trend should continue this year."

China slapped tight controls on spending and credit 19 months ago to check inflation and rein in economic growth. The policy was so effective that industry went into a tailspin and many firms were left with stockpiles of unsold goods.

The inefficient state sector, glorified by the hardline Marxists who seized control of the Communist Party last June, has been hit hard by the austerity policy, and Beijing has allocated vast amounts of money to bailing out state firms.

The 1989 budget called for 52 billion yuan (\$11 billion) in subsidies to industry, but economists estimate the cost was anywhere from one-quarter to half as much again.

Economists also expect continued heavy spending on price subsidies for consumers in 1990. Beijing proposed 40 billion yuan (\$8.5 billion) in such subsidies last year, but is widely believed to have spent more than that.

Spending on agriculture, education and science is expected to increase and the military, which last year crushed a campaign for democracy that challenged communist rule, is likely to demand more money this year.

China's leaders "want to keep things quiet," said an economist. "That means they will have to spend money.'

The government is hoping to raise income from taxes this year and plans to expand its nation-Government income rose more than expected last year as new taxes were imposed, falling most heavily on private businessmen.

Another major source of income will be government bonds. Beijing issued about 10 billion yuan (\$2.1 billion) of bonds in 1989, and economists expect a similar total this year.

The government is expected to continue the widely presented practice of forcing people to buy bonds by deducting them from government employees' pay.

Many old bonds fall due this

year. The official media savs Beijing will set aside 10 billion yuan to redeem old bonds, but economists say potential redemptions could be much higher.

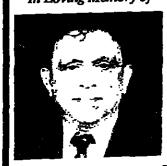
That would force Beijing to roll over old bonds into new ones or delay redemption payments, already a common practice.

"They could roll over the old said an economist. "Or maybe just not pay.



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### We are at a historical turning point, Kohl

# East and West urged to step up economic ties

BONN, March 19, (Reuter): West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, buoyed by the conservative election triumph in East Germany, appealed to East and West today to set aside ideological divisions and build an integrated European economy on the common ground they

Kohl, delivering a keynote speech at the opening of a 35-nation conference on East-West economic co-operation, told government officials and industrialists it was time to forget narrow-minded nationalism and create a new economic order.

"We are at a historical turning

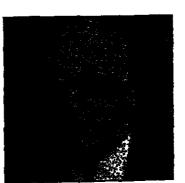
point," he told the first session of the three-week long meeting, an offshoot of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE).

"A Europe is emerging in which old and new democracies are coming together ... as ideological and political antagonism is overcome, there is a growing awareness of common ground in Europe."

The conference grouping all European nations except Albania plus the United States and Canada, has been thrust into the spotlight by the upheaval in East Europe and, more immediately, by Sunday's first free elections in East Germany.

The surprisingly clear-cut victory for the East German conservatives was hailed on Sunday by Kohl as a clear choice for the free market and rejection of four decades of Stalinist central planning — an economic model East European nations from Poland to the Soviet Union are also now jettisoning.

"Nowhere did the scars of World War Two remain longer than in divided Germany," Kohl said today. "But nowhere is the hope for a peaceful, united Europe stronger than here in



Helmut Kohl

"The division of Germany was always the division of Europe -now we must use all our strength to overcome both divisions peacefully." The CSCE conference, which

on Wednesday will split into four working groups investigating economic questions from joint ventures to currency convertibility, is the biggest gathering of East and West since the Berlin Wall crumbled last November.

As the two Germanys move swiftly to monetary union -East Germany's economics minister-designate Elmar Pieroth spoke today of a deal by June 30 in the practical problems of economic integration have also

West German Economics Minister Helmut Haussmann, also addressing the CSCE con-ference, said the economic integration of the two Germanys should foster closer business contacts throughout East and West

"We have a great chance to map out a future built on free markets," he said. "The future belongs to a European economic zone, binding together and governed by rules of the market"

Kohl dismissed fears that German unity would slow the European Economic Communafter 1992 and its own mor union aimed at forging a sin

The CSCE process, begin in Helsinki in 1975, is better known for its work on security and human rights. Seasonid delegates used to rigid angulations between Warsaw Past and Nato blocs have found a new atmosphere in Bonn.

"Discussion has become easier." Lorenz Schomerus, the senior official in West Germany's delegation, told Renters 'All the parties are now looking in the same direction.

atmosphere in Bonn.

### Minister flays rial exchange rate

# Iran seeks Western aid to revitalise industrial base

NICOSIA, Cyprus, March 19, (AP): Iran's minister of heavy industires says that the artificially low rate of exchange for the rial against the US dollar is the main problem facing Iranian industires, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported

Minister Nejab Husseiniah in a weekend speech to the Islamic Society of Engineers said, "the difference between the official and black market price of foreign currency is the root cause of dependence, problems in production and ill distribution of

Husseiniah said the rate gap was at the heart of the corruption in the country's distribution sys-

He added, "as long as we maintain this ratio, we are engaged in a counter-productive

The official rate of exchange for the rial is 70 to one dollar, while the black market rate has gone as high as 1,350 per dollar.

(UPI): Canadian Prime Minister

Brian Mulroney arrived in Bar-

bados yesterday for a two-day

summit with Caribbean leaders

to discuss trade agreements and

matters and other programmes.

from the Caribbean community

will attend a meeting with

Mulroney, which opens today at Sam Lord's Castle Hotel on the

east coast of Barbados.
The leaders will discuss

improvements to the Caribcan

trade agreement, increased fin-

ancial and technical assistance

for the Caribbean, a migrant

labour programme, implications for the Canada-US free trade

scheme and Canada's participa-

tion in the Organisation of

American States as it relates to

Minister Ray Robinson is expec-

ted to press for increased Can-

adian destinations for British

West Indian Airways. The Trin-

idad and Tobago government-

owned airline currently flies only

Trinidad and Tobago Prime

the Caribbean.

Some 13 government leaders

The government has attempted to short-circuit the black market by introducing a rate close to 1,000 rials per dollar for some trade transactions.

He said the government, which controls msot of the foreign exchange, often makes purchases from abroad rather than going through the expensive process of coverting rials to dollars at the official rate to buy on the Iranian market.

The country is also suffering from a chronic shortage of foreign exchange, Husseiniah

The only way to overcome that shortage is to boost production the minister said.

As an example of the ills facing major Iranian industries, he cited the production of cars by the Saipa car manufacturing company under licence from Ren-

The minister said the cars were sold for 710,000 rials, representing a loss of 700,000 rials in production costs alone. The cars

Mulroney arrives in Barbados

Summit to discuss trade pacts

resold on the black market for 7 million rials, meaning the government was losing 100 per cent of its potential revenue, Hussein-

If the government wishes to pay subsidies, the minister said, "it should avoid paying it to this sort of production and instead pay it in the form of cash aid to

the public." Turning to the push for reconstruction in the wake of the 1980-88 war with Iraq, Husseiniah said the Islamic republic needed to increase investment in scientific fields and access to technologial

If world technology was on a scale of 1 to 100, Iran would rate a 36 in general, with a 50 in a machinery and a 25 in research and management, the minister

Also Iranian industry was only producing at about 25 per cent of its capacity in machinery and equipment, the minister said.

The reconstruction drive is a

Barbados Prime Minister

Mulroney arrived in Barbados

from Mexico, where he held

three days of meetings with

President Carlos Salinas de Gor-

tari and Mexican businessmen.

Mulroney told reporters he

would not be surprised if a North

American common market is

established in the next decade.

He said Salinas is modernising

the Mexican economy and

developing new trading patterns.
"The policies of President
Salinas lead me to conclude he is

more and more interested in

greater access to the North

American market," Mulroney

more formal association with

North America over the next

decade I don't know, but I woul-

dn't be scandalised at the prosp-

Mulroney stressed the impor-

tance of throwing open trade

ect," Mulroney added.

"Whether this emerges into a

Etskine Sandiford will preside

over today's meeting.

source of bitter squabbling between the moderate and radical camps in the Iranian govern-

Moderates lead by President Hashemi Rafsanjani want to decentralise the economy and seek Western financial aid to revitalise the country's industrial

But many radicals, who oppose any contacts with the West as betraying the ideals of the 1979 Islamic revolution, also support a centrally planned economy free of the capitalism it identifies with the West.

The government is under increasing pressure to do something about the economy and the widespread corruption in the bureaucracy.

Large-scale protests against price hikes, inflation and shortages of consumer goods have been reported recently in Tehran and other cities. Shortages in the state-controlled economy have created a ranging black market in almost all consumer goods.

Sudan, Libya

to activate

barter deal

KHARTOUM, Sudan, March 19,

(AP): A Sudanese government mini-

activating a \$100-million barter

agreement between the two coun-

tries, part of an effort aimed at unification.

merce, Co-operation and Supply said Minister Farouq Al Bushra's

trip and others by officials of the two countries are to follow up an integra-

tion declaration signed this month.

The document's goal is to unite Sudan and Libya in four years.

The declaration provides for close

co-operation in political, economic, security, social and cultural affairs.

Although signed by Moammar

Khaddafi and Lt Gen. Omar Hassan

El Bashir, head of Sudan's ruling

junta, the agreement has yet to be

The ministry source said the trade

protocol signed in February calls for

Libya to supply Sudan with \$50 million worth of badly needed

petroleum products, cement and agricultural supplies. In return, Sudan is to provide Libya livestock.

fruits and other items worth another

A source at the Ministry of Com-

A share trader plays around with binoculars as his colleague lays his head down flat on a desk after a day of heavy trading at the Tokyo Stock Exchange as shares plunged over 1,300 points, their third biggest one-day fall ever. Shares dropped 1,353.20 points to close at 31,263.24: (Reuter wirephoto)

Third biggest single-day decline

# Stock exchange plunges

TOKYO. March 19, (AP): As the Tokyo Stock Exchange took one of its worst beatings ever today, a senior Bank of Japan official admitted the correction in the stock market interventions." throughout the stock market interventions.

The official, who spoke to reporters on condition of anonymity, said the rapid rise of the stock market last year had set the stage for a correction and said that if the market is having trouble finding its appropriate level, it is because

political factors and speculation are involved.

And though he acknowledged the correction was larger than anticipated, he reiterated the central bank's position that its primary concerns lie elsewhere, particularly in

controlling inflation.

The market's leading index has lost nearly 20 per cent of

its value this year.

Rattled by a stronger US dollar and looming interest rate hike, the leading indicator on the Tokyo Stock Exchange plunged 1,353.20 points, or 4.15 per cent today, its third biggest single-day decline. The closing level of 31,263,24 points was the lowest for the Nikkei stock

average since Jan 20, 1989. A larger decline has been recorded only once since the world-wide "Black Monday" stock market crash of October 1987. That was the loss of 1,569.10 points, or 4.50

per cent, on Feb 26 this year. The Nikkei's decline today was at least partly fied to the growing strength of the US dollar, which the Bank of Japan has been battling by intervening in the currency markets to sell billions of dollars in recent months. A

weaker yen fuels inflation in Japan.

The Bank of Japan official said that while the Central

Bank can't create any specific exchange rate levels, its repeated intervention is bound to have an influence on the market over time.

Nevertheless, the dollar continued to rise today, closing at a three-year high of 153.55 yen, up 1.05 yen from last Dealers said the Bank of Japan made large scale interventions throughout today to stem the years fall.

One dealer with Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank said the central bank bought at least \$1 billion' worth of the yen today.

The bank's other main weapon against inflation and the

weakening yen is its official discount rate, the nation's benchmark interest rate. The yen's prolonged weakness, coupled with signs of inflation, has convinced many participants in both the stock and the exchange markets that another rate hike is in the offing. Higher interest rates tend to bolster the yen but

depress stock prices.

The Bank of Japan official appeared to give credence to the view that the bank will raise its key rate soon. Admit-ting that the timing of the rate hike is difficult, he said, "it may be too late to act when the indicators are flashing. After several years of stability, the bank raised the rate it charges commercial banks three times last year bringing it from 2.5 per cent to the current 4.25 per cent. Speculation

about a rise this year has roiled the markets. Masaaki Tanahashi, a currency dealer with Mitsui Bank, said some market players were hesitating to buy the yen until the Bank of Japan decides to raise its key rate. The Dai-Ichi Kangyo dealer, who requested anonymity, said: "I would not be surprised to see the dollar surpass the 154-yen mark before the interest rate hike actually hap-

In the stock market, many investors appeared to be selling shares as though a rate rise were imminent. Keuchi Nishida of Kidder Peabody Securities said: "Because today's drop was not the result of panic selling,

there is a widely shared fear in the market that share prices may fall even further until they really hit the bottom. "But at this point, no one knows where the bottom really. is," he added.

## Soviets and US open trade talks on optimistic note

VIENNA, March 19, (Reuter): The Soviet Union and United States opened four days of talks today aimed at dismantling barriers to bilateral trade and extending a multi billion dollar pact that governs American grain sales to Moscow.

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and US President George Bush have instructed their negotiators to try to complete a trade accord in time for a June superpower summit

Both parties are full of expectations," head Soviet negotiator Yuri Chumakov, deputy minister for foreign economic rela-

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to Toronto.

Negotiators said they would spend today and tomorrow drafting a bilateral trade pact that is expected to offer Moscow better terms and could open the door to US-backed credit.

Western economists and bankers say the Soviet Union, once rated as one of the world's safest credit risks, has fallen on bard times in international banking circles.

The Vienna meeting is the third round of talks on the trade accord, which is a prerequisite for Washington granting Moscow most favoured nation (MFN) trade status. MFN status would give Moscow the lowest tariff rates on exports to the United States.

Bush has said he will grant Moscow MFN status as soon as Moscow passes a law liberalising emigration. The Soviet parliament is expected to adopt such a law soon.

A top Soviet economist, Abel Aganbegyan, said earlier this year that US-Soviet trade worth \$4.9 billion in 1989, could double in two to three years if MFN status were granted.

Currently, US sales to the Soviet Union, particularly farm goods, dominate bilateral trade, partly because the Soviet rouble is not a convertible currency. But the Kremlin is planning to

introduce by July 1 new radical

measures to convert the Soviet

Union to a market economy, including a transfer to rouble

convertibility, a publication of Moscow Radio said today. Deputy US Trade Represen-

tative Julius Katz, head of the US delegation, told Reuters on Sunday that he did not expect to wrap up the trade talks this week.

Moscow, he said, is looking for a simple agreement, while Washington seeks a "more expansive" one. Washington is known to want to limit MFN status to an initial one-year period, while Moscow would prefer a three-year commitment.

But Katz said the talks appeared to be on track for comction by the June summit in Washington.

On Wednesday and Thursday, following the broad trade talks, negotiators are expected to hold discussions on extending a grain trade agreement that in various forms has governed bilateral cereals commerce since 1976.

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# · Tree shade schools reopen in Sudan

By Robert M. Press

BOR, Sudan: Sometimes eagerness to learn can overcome even the violence of war. That's what's happening in rebel areas of southern Sudan, a country now in its seventh year of a wrenching conflict that has seen perhaps a quarter of a million civilian deaths and several million people flecing their homes.

Many people still live in the south, and life goes on, somehow. Now, very slowly, like the tender notes of a calming song that brings a sense of hope amidst chaos, young children are getting a new chance — for many, the first chance — to get some education. Not much, but some.

Here's a typical scene, deep in rebel Forty-five young boys and a few girls sit alert in the dirt under a tree in the village of

Feriak, just south of this army town. "This is my name; my name is Afindi. This is my name; my name is Afindi."
Later the children count aloud in English through 50. Over and over the students chant in unison the lessons their teacher. Atiny Makdi Yoao, leads them through. The total supplies of this tree-shade school? A single book, which the teacher uses; a blackboard propped up on three sticks; chalk and eraser; and, for the children, pencil stubs and notebooks cut in

half to stretch the meager supply.

Those tiny notebooks and pencils have become prized possessions of eager students here and in a growing number of village primary schools under trees or in war-damaged classrooms across much of rebel-held Sudan.

A young boy raced up to a United Nations relief vehicle recently outside Bor and begged—not for food, but for a pencil for school. Most boys in schools are naked; their families have no money for clothes. Girls come modestly clad.

As quickly as schools open, they are flooded with students hungry to learn, despite extreme poverty, uncertainty about food, and occasional aerial bomb-

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"When there is bombardment, the children are dispersed," says James Mayan Benjamin, who co-ordinates education in the Bor area. "The next day they come and we teach them again. All the teachers and the students are afraid of the bombings,"



A student in an open air classróom clutches precious commodities: pencil and half pad of paper.

Afraid, yes. But still the teachers keep teaching; and the students keep returning

was evident even at the site of a bombing that seriously injured an 11-year-old girl who had just returned from school. As we were walking away from the bombed area, a young boy named Garang Alier started

singing as he followed us down the path.
It is that kind of unquenchable spirit that is filling classes—as soon as they open in the rebel areas—with students whose eyes are not drowsy, but straining to see every word their teacher writes on the

"They are eager to learn," says Magok Kur Magok, a high-school graduate and accountant-turned-teacher in the village of Mathinng, near Bor. Within seven days of his opening the school, some 500 students had enrolled. His own dedication is obvious, too: "When I saw that children in the area were eager to get education, I had to help. The education I got, I'm going

At one school, with grass-thatch walls and roof, and dirt floor, several scores of students were jammed together inside. They clapped when a visitor arrived, and then they started singing. A southern Sudanese on the scene said the song was in praise of the rebel Sudanese People's Liberation Army (SPLA). But he turned away quickly when I asked him to explain that on a tape recording.

A teacher at another location said schools in his area had been started by order of the local chairman of the SPLA Yet another teacher, asked if he worked for the SPLA or the Sudanese Relief and Rehabilitation Association (SRRA), the rebel area relief agency, said: "I don't know the difference Share

As closely as the schools may be linked to the SPLA, they are meeting an obvious several thousand students are in schools that have started within the past year all over the vast rebel-held territory. The SPLA, which says it is fighting, in part, for a fairer share of power and of federal development money for the South in a united Sudan, has made education a priority. International officials agree that it should be.

"We have to avoid a lost generation," says Detlef Palm, an official with Unicef in Nairobi, Kenya. Much of the United Nations "operation lifeline" aid for southern Sudan comes from Unicef.

Most of the credit for starting the schools goes to the Sudanese in the rebel areas. The SRRA is seeking outside help, however, and badly needs it. But so far, the SRRA has not presented a detailed plan on

Until such a plan is made, international funding, hard enough to get, will be even more difficult, he says.

Unicef, which has already provided some materials, has budgeted \$400,000 for educational assistance to southern Sudan this year, says Palm. But so far only \$60,000 has been raised, and half of that is for two vehicles for educational personnel to try to get around the vast, unpaved region. Street Kids International, based in Canada, and Norwegian Church Aid, with an office in Nairobi, have both pledged funds for education in the rebel areas.

Teachers are not paid. The SRRA has a little money of its own. Teachers hope they eventually will be paid in food, probably from international sources, "to survive," as one teacher put it, in a region where war has nearly destroyed the economy. Teaching takes them away from their subsistence family farms. The UN World Food Programme is considering funding food payments to teachers and for school meals, says a UN official in Nairobi. Method

Teacher training is a priority need, according to Ajit Akuer, the SRRA educational co-ordinator. Many trained teachers fled to Ethiopia or other parts of Sudan and are not likely to return until peace is restored, says one teacher. Many, of those now teaching are doing so for the first time. With little training themselves and no books for the students, repetition for memorization is the basic technique many of these teachers use. And the

method isn't working very well. But Garang, one of the young students in the tree-shade school in Feriak, is soaking up what's available. Through a translator, he explains that when he gets big, "I want to continue my education. I want to know what in the world is going on, to know the world, or to be in politics.

Some students in his class live far away. They sleep in the village, which is near a swamp, along the Nile. Mosquitoes are so thick they have driven a number of students to return home for good, says

Then he made this request to the visiting reporter: "We need mosquito nets and clothes. They are important to us. They are equivalent to exercise books. I don't ask for more."

The Christian Science Monitor.

# Splash of colour and creativity

### Fall-winter collection

PARIS, (AP): Sparkling with colour, luxury and youthful abandon, Christian Lacroix's show of ready-to-wear and "Luxe" lines Sunday was a winner for women who want to have fun looking

The lean pants, minis, tunics, fitted or smocky tops of the ready-to-wear line melded right into the more expensive "luxe."

"I love it," said John Fairchild, publisher of Women's Wear daily and W. "It's highly decorative. He gives the clothes personality more than any other designer, and it's never boring."

Looking pale but happy, Lacroix took a bow after the show in his shop on a summer day that radiated the same sunny spirit shown by the young man from the south of France. Still recovering from two back operations, Lacroix was walking stiffly.

The eye-catching clothes went from reversible shocking pink and orange shortie trapeze toppers over pink tights and high orange suede over-the-knee boots to little burgundy-yellow-black bicycle tights with pullovers or v-necked mini-tunics in chartreuse and rust with ribbed tights.

Lacroix also worked with a wealth of fabrics in happy combinations. Typical was an outfit featuring a jewel-buttoned burgundy and yellow jacket in a patchwork of little hearts and geometrics over a flowered tapestry miniskirt — the head and shoulders wrapped in a lame fringed stole embroidered

with big flowers and stars.

There were endless ideas, like the chartreuse pique fitted jacket printed with raspberry pink triangles over tapered tartan pants with wide cuffs.

Slopes Another winner for colour was Italian Enrico Coveri. He drew inspiration from the ski slopes, showing brightly-flowered long pullovers paired with stretch tights, plus some hot numbers based on

ski suits appliqued with starfish designs.
His plaid suits with long tweed jackets, matching brimmed hats and shortie sarong-split skirts were fetching for daytime. And the gym-suit body stocking worn with lame boots and a cape of multicoloured outsized mirror sequins appeared perfect

for the apres-ski scene. Meanwhile, Italian Romeo Gigli's Saturday night show drew praise for artistry.

Gigli went on his usual exotic trip of fabrics producing heart-shaped coats in huxurious silks and velvets of brown and bordeaux with their narrow tops ballooning out at hemlines, the heads topped by little lacy sequined wimple hoods.

The coats over narrow stretch pants often had shawl collars so huge they completely engulfed necks and shoulders — the neckless, shoulderless

look all part of the heart-shaped silhouette. In shades of bordeaux, rust and luchsia, Gigli played around with the big-collared shortic coats crackling with flame-shaped hems over the leanest striped pants, the outfit topped by a goldembroidered red velvet wimple.

Lash look

Rich quilted velvet, guipure lace and mirror sequins all added to the lush look of rich peasantry gone wild. But one wonders what Juliet would think of Romeo's paean to evening: a high-waisted bubble of cocoon-wrapped shimmery silk aubergine gauze with lattice-lace sleeves.

No need to buy tickets to the Moulin Rouge or the Lido -- designer Thierry Mugler's fall-winter readyto-wear show for store buyers and press looked like a Paris nightclub. Mini dresses bared the leg right to its end and necklines were slashed to the waist. In back the dresses flared into saucy peplums under supertight waists.

Add sequins, glitter, velvet, rhinestones mix well with songs and dances by aging Paris nightclub stars from the 1950's — Amanda Lear and Alice and Ellen Kessler.

Throw in skin-hugging tights and low-cut flared jackets in tough and shiny black vinyl. Plus a transparent white stretch skin-hugging jump suit with rhinestones glued over the private parts. And you cooked up a girlie show from a Champs Elysee nightclub that staggered Mugler's audience.

Although the basic style of Givenchy changes little, his well-brought-up outfits sang with beauty and wearability after four days of far-out, sometimes vulgar styles in the 10-day fashion fes-

To the beat of American jazz of the '50's instead of the usual pounding rock, Givenchy paraded sighed-over knitwear — loose jackets or coats over skirts or belted dresses, often with knitted-in tiger designs. Some outfits mixed colours such as plum and mus-

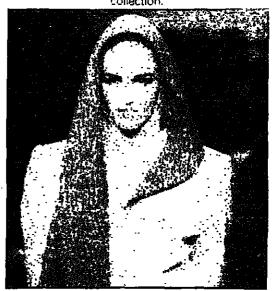
A black leather suit with a fitted collarless jacket bore the same rippling tiget motif in gold to match the gold jersey blouse. Karl Lagerfeld rolled out supershort, superyoung

skirts, jackets and coats that are magnificent on supershort, superyoung women. Other observers appeared disappointed.

He liked wide lapels, fitted jackets, capes, cigarette trousers, rows of brass buttons, stoles and scarves, tank-top dresses and embroidered lapels and pockets on short evening suits.



Italian designer Romeo Gigli presented this red embroidered velvet tunic over a green silk chemise as part of his 1990 autumn-winter ready-to-wear



A Claude Montana model wears a white buttoned vest over a matching shirt and red cap.



Looking more android than mannequiri, a model for Thierry Mugler presented a two-piece drass and hat outlined in flourescent colours and displayed under a black light giving this skeletal

# 'Corpse Lily'—under seige by bulldozers

KINABALU PARK, Malaysia, (Reuter): Cursed with a smell like rotten meat and labelled the stinking corpse lily, the world's largest flower is under threat from man.

Development and logging in the jungles of South-east Asia are endangering the survival of the foul-scented blooms, which can measure more than a yard (metre) across.

Nature could not have devised a more precarious existence for the parasitic flower - botanical name Rafflesia Arnoldii - which attaches itself to vines, flowers rarely and needs rodents to propagate seeds from its fruit.

Its delicate life cycle is under siege by the bull-dozers that are razing its habitat and the locals who collect its fruit for use in medicine or as an aphrodisiac, scientists say. They are one of the 14 species of the flower, found only in Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand, has

become extinct since the 1960s, and chances of survival for the rest are fading.

The plant has a flower with five leathery spotted

petals ranging from dull yellow to red, said Jamili Nais, ecology director of Kinabalu Park in Sabah State on the Island of Borneo. Biooms

Seeds of the Rafflesia germinate for six to eight months into a thumb-sized bud on the lancedarium vine and take another nine to 18 months to mature, by which time the plant looks like a brown cabbage. The Rafflesia then blooms for four to seven days. So unlikely is its reproduction process that a male and female plant must bloom side by sidefor the

same period, said Jamili. The offensive smell attracts carrion flies which

help to pollinate the flowers. The chances of a male and female Rufflesia blooming side by side and (being) pollinated

successfully are very slim," said Jamili. The largest recorded flower, found in Indonesia, measured 42 inches (107 cm). Malaysian officials found Sabah's largest specimen, measuring 36 inches (91cm), last year.

The cycle of life, which lasts up to two years, ends when the flowers withers after less than a week's bloom leaving a fruit which looks like half a rugby ball and contains thousands of seeds. Fruit

As squirrels and rodents feed on the fruit, the tiny seeds stick to their whiskers and paws and are in the turn propagated as the animals scurry along the

One species in peninsular Malaysia, the scandenberghia, is nearly extinct because locals collect the fruit to use in an aphrodisiac or a medicine to help

women recover from childbirth. Locals in Borneo do not eat the fruit but the Rafflesia is threatened by loggers who have cut away vast tracts of natural forest in timber-rich Sabah,

Jamili said. "The greatest threat is logging which destroys the vine on which the plant survives," he said. "The Rafflesia is rare, vulnerable and threatened. The entire species might be wiped out if nothing is done." He said he once found a colony of Rafflesia buds

in a timber concession area and asked the logging company to leave the vines untouched. "When we came back after a few months everything was gone -timber, vine and Rafflesia."

Specimen

Jamili said he asked the government to give allowances to villagers who have Rafflesia on their land and to pay them for alerting and guiding rangers to each bloom.

Jamili said he hoped to identify areas where the Rafflesia thrive and charge tourists to view them to help pay for the conservation of the flower.

Meanwhile, rangers in Kinabalu Park are camouflaging each bloom. But they showed a magnificent 28-inch (71-cm) specimen, stinking and surrounded by carrion flies, to a recent visitor.

# FAMILY DOCTOR

### ANAESTHETIC DISCOVERED IN 19TH CENTURY

QUESTION: Why on earth would anyone inhale nitrous oxide for fun? I'm a metallurgist, not a biochemist, but it seems to me that only effect would be to

metallitrgist, not a biochemist, but it seems to me mar only effect would be to shortchange you on oxygen. For that matter, why would an anaesthesiologist use it? Am I missing some important information here?

Asswer: You are missing quite a bit of pharmacology and some important medical history as well. And (forgive the pun) the laugh may be on you, for nitrous oxide is also known as "laughing gas."

Back in 1844. Dr Horace Wells, a dentist from Hartford, Conn., who is credited with discovering this gas as an anaesthetic, was watching a theatrical demonstration of the effects of nitrous oxide. While generally the effects were those of euphoria and intoxication, frequently accompanied by hysterical laughter (thus the name), on this occasion, the subject became angered and laughter (thus the name), on this occasion, the subject became angered and

jumped from the stage, cutting his leg deeply.

Wells noted that though the wound should have been painful, there appeared to be no suffering on the part of the victim, and speculated on the medical uses of the gas. Although difficult to manage, nitrous oxide was found useful as an

However, some misguided individuals seeking a cheap high still use this gas without due respect to the dangers of this treacherous gas. It may cause nausea and vomiting, shivering and trembling, hallucinations and confusion. In animal studies it has been shown to provoke fetal death, growth retardation and skeletal abnormalities. It's used in low doses for obstetrical analgesia (pain suppression where loss of consciousness is not needed). Since it's a weak agent, it's most frequently used with other more potent anaesthetics to reduce the dosage needed

to maintain adequate effect. You're right about the need for oxygen though. Nitrous oxide is administered with no less than 30 per cent oxygen to maintain sufficient levels to the bloodstream, and thus the heart and brain.

Question: My father's physician is suggesting a bone scan to try and determine the cause of an ongoing pain. I would like to reassure Dad about the procedure, but I don't understand anything about it. Will you help?

Answer: Bone scans are used to evaluate bones and to detect areas containing abnormalities that may have been caused by infections, fractures, tumors or other disorders. They are safe and sometimes provide more detailed informa-

When a bone scan is performed, a liquid containing a little radionuclide (radioactive material) is injected into a vein. In about two hours, when the bones have had time to absorb the material, the scan begins. The radionuclide emits signals that a scanner can detect, and these signals are converted into images of the bones. Signals from problem areas differ from normal ones, so that they reveal areas where something may be amiss. The pattern of the image offers clues

to the physician that can help form an opinion or make a diagnosis. Scans take about 45 minutes. During the procedure, the patient lies still on a table as the scanner moves around his body. For some types of equipment where the scanner remains stationary, the table will be moved. Immediately following

the scan, your dad will be able to return home. Radionuclide is excreted from the patient's body within a day or two. When bone abnormalities are discovered by scanning, other tests may be necessary to clarify a difficult situation, and assure an accurate diagnosis.

# Miniature hoods blossom

PARIS, (UPI): The hood revolution that has seized the Paris fall-winter ready-to-wear fashion shows burst out in a new form — miniature hoods in the Commes des Garcons parade for press and buyers.

Japanese designer Rei Kawa Kubo, in her ninth year of showing her unique styles in Paris, made grapefruit-sized hoods that bobbed on the backs of long white tunics over long slim black skirts.

Another little hood decorated one baggy top transparent black bloomers.

For the second season the artistic designer buried her black-and-white classics with colours as unusual as her styles. Chestnut brown, misty blue and pale apricot were used for short velveteen dresses or little

### Creations

Some outfits with sheer jackets combined three

Clumps of pleated ruffles clustered on the fronts or backs of long dresses.

For most of her angular, uneven creations, she used mainly unwoven fabrics such as a bonded, synthetic-

like packing material for loose short dresses. An exception was a real velvet shimmering in deficate stripes for long dresses with long, multi-coloured scarves wrapped around the neck or waist.

92 designers, swung down the runway of Angelo Tarlazzi. Long bathrobe coats in black, burgundy or toast were breathtaking.

He also put false black fur on short and snug red

Ecological fake furs, another trend in the show of

Stretch fabrics are still another trend in the 10-day

style parades, most of them under tents in the

Louvre Museum courtyard. Tarlazzi hugged every cell of the body with black stretch, micro-mini dresses and shirred skirts. Long black dresses with long-sleeves embroidered with glitter-like rows of bracelets were applauded. Gold leather embroidery sparkled on navy blue stretch

But most of the bare, short-evening dresses would have looked right at home hanging around corner

Giant coloured hearts were sown on the side, front and even rear-end of tiny black mini dresses.

# Alchemy rediscovered

Forgotten for 80 years

AS chemist William White shut up shop in 1909 to signal the end of another busy day he had no idea the pharmacy door would remain unopened for nearly a

Now, after more than 78 undisturbed years, the drug store has become a unique time cap-sule of Victorian alchemy.

And walking into the shop now you will find all the strange remedies, poultices and cure alls that he regularly dispensed to his customers.

Earlier this year a team of valuers carried out an inspection of the tiny shop in south Petherton, Somerset and uncovered the place completely untouched by

progress.

The backroom "medical museum" had been boarded up after William White's death in

Mortar and pestles line the shelves, crammed with dusty stone speciman jars. Half an inch of dust covers the quartz carboys and domijohns. Samples of various tree barks,

roots, gum, dried leaves, poppies and sinister concoctions lie behind obscure gold leaf labels. There's even arsenic and cyan-

ide, prescribed in small, doses in Victorian times for curing headaches, common colds and stomach ailments.

For high blood pressure, varicose veins and bruises there are leeches. And for rheumatism, a solution of opium, known as laudanum.

The back room of the shop was sealed up when White died, leaving the business to his son Charies, who was unqualified to dis-pense drugs and sold only patent

medicines, wines and spirits. When he died in 1952, the business was kept going by his daughters. Margaret and Evelyn

reach the school by 28th March, 1990.

The New Indian School, Jabriya

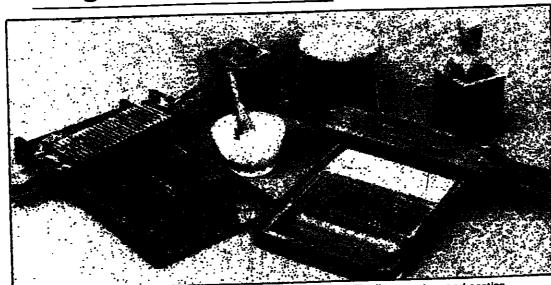
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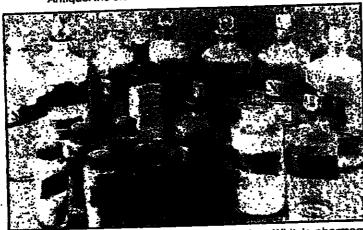
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Antique: the old methods of medicine — William White's pill rollers, mortars and pestles



Potent: an array of oils and lotions from William White's pharmacy discovered after 78 years.

White. But the two elderly spinsters closed the shop when the decimal system came in 1969, refusing to handle the "new money

They left the last day's takings of "old money" in the till and

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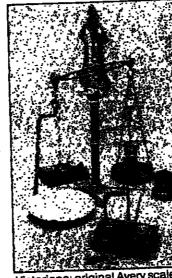
retired to the flat above the shop.

The back room has held its secret hoard of potions ever since - until one of the spinsters died and a survey was ordered before the building was put up for sale.

The discovery was enough to excite even the biggest pharmaceutical companies, such as the Wellcome Foundation, the Pharmaceutical Society, as well as countless museums and private collectors.

There is historical interest, too. For among the other things found is an original newspaper copy of the sinking of the Titanic in mint condition discovered with the ledgers, trade catalogues, and advertising brochures of late Victorian England.

And while many medicines may seem to have little in com-



Victoriana: original Avery scales, found behind a boarded up door in a West country chemist's shop.

mon with modern day medicine, White's extracts of Foxglove know as 'digitalis' - are used extensively today in the treatment of heart disease.

According to top chemist Leslie Matthews, the hoard is priceless'. At the auction, however, the sale of the shop itself proved slightly less expensive. It was sold for a bargain £91.000.

He says: "White would have been a jack of all trades. Not only would he has run the apothecary, he would have sold a host of household goods and agricultural implements. He may even have pulled teeth.

### JUNIOR TIMES



Happy birthday

Ankita turned 6 on March



Nikhil Mannan turned 3 on March 18.



Paul Pradeep turns 5 on



Zainab Nisreen turned 5 on March 18.



Sahani Jayaratne turns 9



Shawn Pinto turns 8 today, March 20.



Colaco turns 9 on



Lubna Nazeer turned 6 on March 17.

### **Spring**

Spring comes in March, making a rainbow arch. In this season flowers

bringing joy over gloom. Making the sun shine, on other things and the trees of pine.

This season brings joy, over the children who Hello Spring, hello Spr-

sweet are the things you did bring.

### Winter

from above

everywhere

Softly, softly falls the

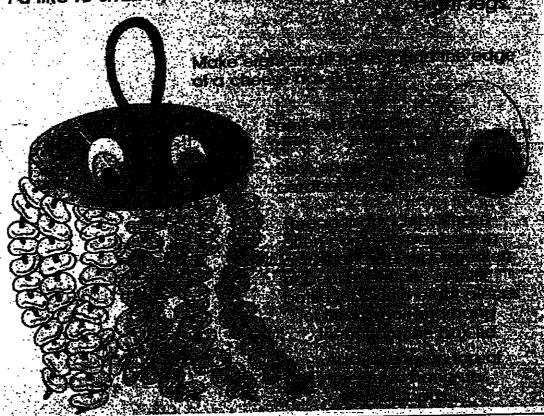
from the heavy sky; like white feathers from a dove come the snowflakes

on the ground to lie. Softly, softly falls the covering hill and dale,

till the world is strangely white trees gleaming

like a fairytale! By Nida Khan International School of Pakistan





## **Amazing facts**

Pope Benedict IX became Pope when he was twelve, but was later expelled for vice and moral corruption.

A Park Ranger of Virginia, USA, has been struck by lightning

A ram adds an additional spiral section to its horns every year.

The southernmost manned lighthouse in the world is Cape Pembroke Lighthouse in the Falkland Islands.

The official cause of death of George IV was listed as rupture of the stomach blood vessels, alcoholic cirrhosis, gout, nephritis

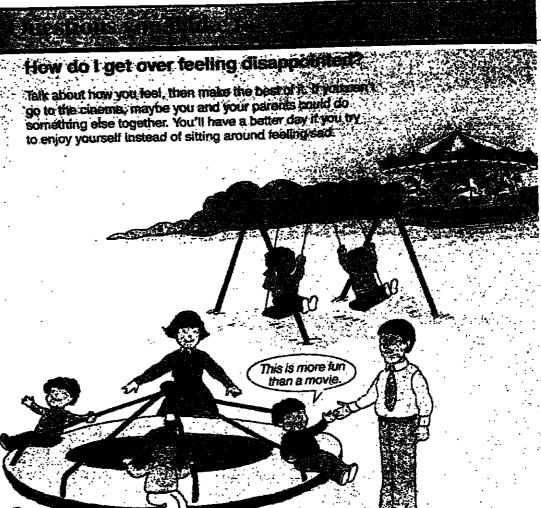
The bayonet is named after the French town Bayonne.



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## Just for laughs!

My uncle"s elephant went mad the other day. It needed a trunkquilliser.

This lion went into this shop and said, "I want a fur coat." They said, "Why on earth do you want a fur

He said, "I'd look a fool in a plastic mac.-

There were these two lions walking along Brighton pier. One said to the other,

"It's quiet for a bank holiday "

My mum went to the doctor. She said, "Doctor I feel like a piece of toast." The doctor said, "You need buttering up.

My uncle said, "I'm building a new house but it's very draughty."
I said, "What are you building it with? "Breeze Dear Junior Readers.

Learning is the only serious

responsibility you carry until

You should, thereby, try to engulf as much knowledge as

you possibly can. This will pay off in the future. Reading and

learning are the keys to suc-

Knowledge allows you to become both more creative and

analytic. It enables logical dis-

While studying you should aim at obtaining good marks

but the understanding of the

subject under study is more

Some people have the ability to learn work very quickly, with-

out necessarily understanding, and they score very good marks in their exoms. However, they

forget all that they learned in a few days. This is useless.

Knowledge obtained from

education should never be for-

Just Imagine, a lot of children

ground the world are learning the same information. It would

be extremely frustrating if you

are the only person who does not know what diffusion is, or

how plants and trees obtain

their food, or the reign of

So next time you start to read

make sure your main objective

is to learn and understand more

about the world we live in --- try

not to take it as a chore you are

forced to do.

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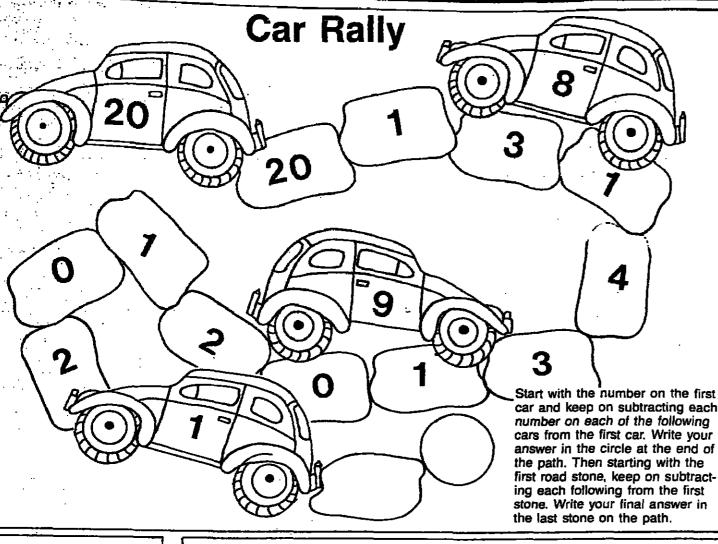
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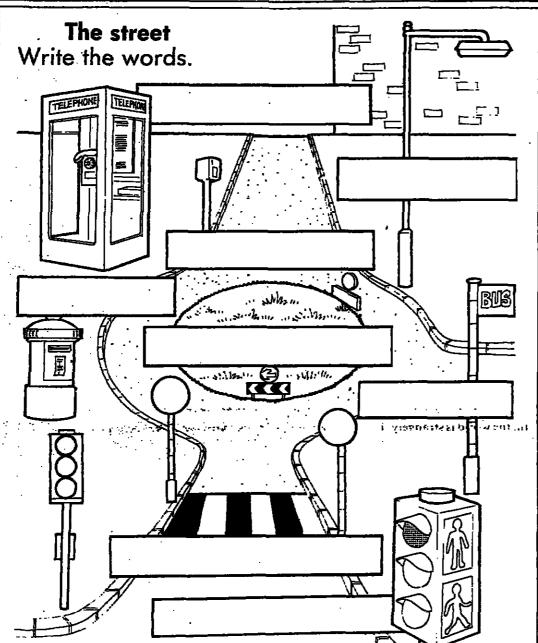
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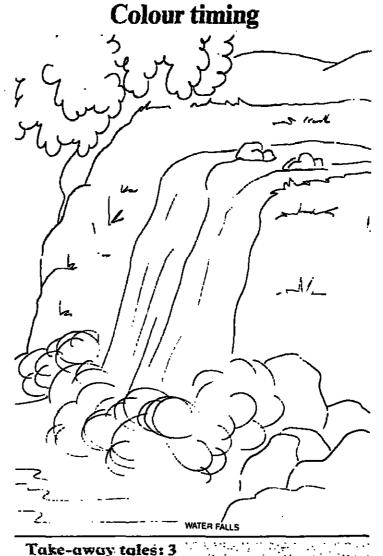
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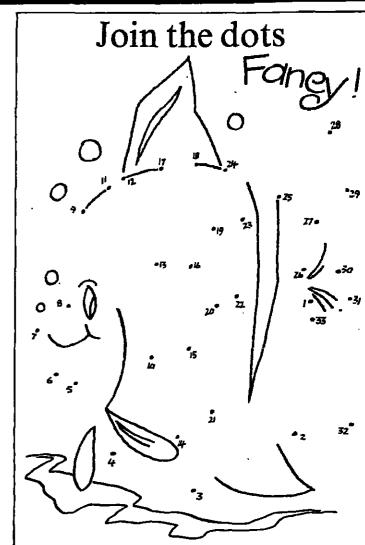
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you are eighteen.











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## Who am 1

I'm off to the land of the wizard I want to find out who I am come rain, hail or snow bliz-I'm going in search of the man.

He's a wise man, with a magical power who practises witchcraft I

He lives in the top of a tower I'm twenty-two miles from I want to know am I a lizard?

A fairy, a goblin or elf? I am going to the land of the wizard So I can find out for myself.

By D.M. Howell,

(Mablethorpe, Lincs).

We all sing 'praise' to the

when in his height of fame why not for the disappointed who narrowly miss their aim. I ache for the marathon run-

this eager anxious soul who falls, his strength when, almost in sight of his

goal. The heart that breaks in silence with sorrows all unknown It is he that needs compan-

yet is forced to walk alone.
By D.M. Howell,
Mablethorpe, Lines
(U.K.)

### Join the science gang

Note to Parents

The even should be pre-heated to 350 F. 180 C. Gas Mark 4 I. Remember should always be closely supervised when cooking.

Manal

### Cooking

This recipe makes 2 big gingerbread people.

### You will need

8 heaped dessertspoons of plain flour 4 heaped dessertspoons of soft brown sugar

120g or 4oz of soft margarine

1 heaped teaspoon of baking powder 1 heaped teaspoon of ground ginger

a little cold water

### What to do

1 Wash your hands and put on an apron.

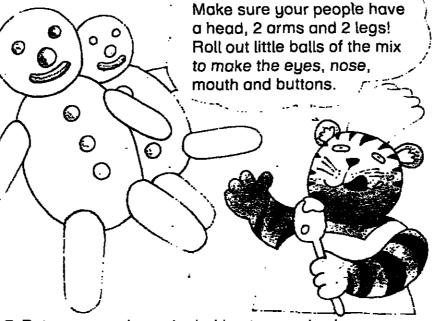
2 Grease a baking tray.

3 Count the spoonfuls of flour, sugar, baking powder and ginger into a large bowl and mix together. 4 Add the margarine and rub into the mixture until it

looks like breadcrumbs. 5 Add a little water (2 or 3 dessertspoons should be enough) and use your hands to press the mixture



6 Divide the mixture and make 2 people like this.



7 Put your people on the baking tray and ask a grown-up to put the tray in the oven. Leave to cook for 20-25 minutes. Ask a grown-up to take the tray out and leave the gingerbread to cool.

What happened to the gingerbread people while they were in the oven?

As well as terms creative and fun.

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Note to Parents

### DELIGHTFUL ENJOYABLE FUN

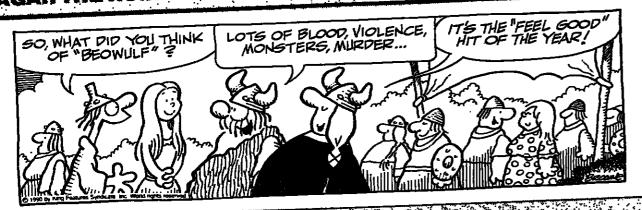
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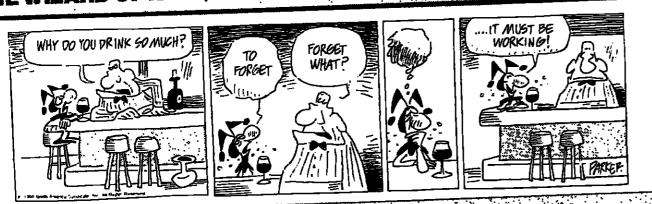
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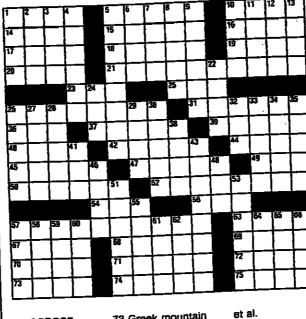






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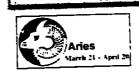
Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you What action do you take? ♣85432 Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold: ♥AQ5 ♦8763 **ቋ**6 hold: ±10963 ♥K7 ♦AK6 ±Q952 The bidding has proceeded: Partner opens the bidding with one South North East ₩est heart. What do you respond? 3 **±** 5 ♥ Pass Pass

Q.5-As South, vulnerable, you Q.2-As South, vulnerable, you hold: ≜AI3 ♥AK ♦AQ83 ♣AKQ9 hold: **≜832** ♥K10 ♦AQ92 **♣**A954 What is your opening bid? The bidding has proceeded: North East West Pass 3 🛖 Dbl

Q.6-East-West vulnerable, as What action do you take? South you hold: **≜AJ94** ♥Void ♦ KQ1087653 ♣6 Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South The bidding has proceeded: you hold: **≜AJ7** ♥Q109 ♦643 South North East The bidding has proceeded: 1 # 1 NT What action do you take? North East West 2 0



### **YOUR STARS**



You should not allow yourself to be diverted from the main task at hand. Do not expect more than you deserve or else you will be disap-pointed. Give others a chance to say what they have to say. Be



Do not try to take the credit for something you know well you have not done. There is no point delaying pay a bill which is soon due. You should make sure others are in no doubt about what you mean. Be



You will feel more yourself than of late but you must not be overor rate but you must not be over-come by euphoria. You will know how to deal with a difficulty. You should not expect others to do just what you would wish them to do. Be swift.



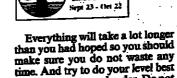
You will have lots more energy but you must make sure you do not dissipate it. You will be better able to enjoy yourself. However you should certainly not live for pleasure alone. Be punctual.



Something that has been puz-zling you will now be resolved. You should try not to get hold of the wrong end of the stick. You should not place too much trust in a new acquaintance just yet. Be generous.



Not everything is as you would like it to be, far from it. However, your strength of mind will help you to deal with an unusual problem. You will be able to overcome a degree of uncertainty that has been bothering you. Be less vindictive.



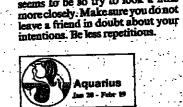
time. And try to do your level best to concentrate even harder. Do not neglect your health and personal hygiene. Be reasonable.



Try not allow a hobby to become an obsession. Your lucky numbers are 20 and 30. You should have a are 20 and 30. You should have a little more faith in yourself as well as in others. Do not judge things by appearances. Be reliable.



You should avoid trying to do by force something where persuasion has failed. A financial matter will require your immediate attention if you leave it, it could be serious. You should not expect your children to be replicas of yourself. Be



You are more easily distracted and should make a special effort to concentrate. Make sure you do not allow yourself to get caught up in detail. And do not lose sight of your objectives. Be on your guard.

Capricom

You will have to make an immediate decision, delay could be

dangerous. Not everything is as it seems to be so try to look a little

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Something you have been meaning to do and putting off should not be delayed any longer. You should show a little more goodwill towards others. It won't do you any harm to show a little more kindness and generosity. Be accurate.



"The old methods are still the best."



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### NBA ROUNDUP.

## **Hornets** outclass Clippers

LOS ANGELES, March 19, (AP): Charlotte Hornets won for only the second time in 31 road games this season as Randolph Keys scored 13 fourth-quarter points, including a crucial 3-poin-ter with 1:45 to play against Los

Angeles Clippers. The Hornets, won the game (108-97) on Sunday for the first time in 11 attempts during their two-year history, broke a 13game road losing streak and an eight-game overall streak.

Nuggets 103, Timberwoives 98 Alex English scored 29 points and Denver scored the last five points of the game on free throws. handing Minnesota its 26th loss in

28 road games this season.

Danny Schayes broke the tie with a pair of free throws with 1:02 to go, and after a jump ball won by Denver, Michael Adams converted one of two foul shots for a 101-98 lead with 20 seconds remain-

Knicks 122, Nets 106

Larry Bird scored 29 points, grabbed 18 rebounds and had 11 assists yesterday as the Boston Celtics handed the New Jersey Nets their 20th consecutive road loss, 122-106.

The Nets, losers of six straight overall and 25 of 28, were led by Dennis Hopson's 19 points.

Sonics 121, Warriors 116

Dale Ellis came off the bench to score 30 points and lead Seattle to a 121-116 victory over the Golden State Warriors and end a Sonics' five-game road losing streak.

Seattle's Derrick McKey had 11 rebounds and scored 15 of his 20 points in the second half. Chris Mullin scored 28 points and Mitch Richmond 26 for Golden

Pistons 114, Mavericks 84 James Edwards and Bill Laimbeer led a balanced attack with 16 points each as Detroit defeated Dallas for its 11th straight vic-

tory, 114-84. The Pistons, in the midst of the hottest stretch in franchise history, have won 24 of their last 25 games. They're unbeaten in nine games during March and have lost just once since Jan 21, a 112-103 setback in Atlanta on Feb 23.

Cavallers 120, Magic 103

Brad Daugherty scored a season-high 29 points and Mark Price had 25 as Cleveland used two big scoring runs to defeat Orlando, 120-103, the Magic's ninth straight loss.

Trailing 49-45 with less than inutes remaining in the first half, the Cavs took command with a 14-0 run, and went on to their fifth consecutive victory. They trail Indiana by a half-game in the race for eighth place in the Eastern Conference.

Trail Blazers 109, Rockets 96 Clyde Drexler scored 21 points and Portland used a 16-0 run in

the third quarter to beat Houston 109-96 for its ninth straight vic-Akeem Olajuwon, who had 21 first-half points, led the Rockets

with 28 points and 15 rebounds. It's the sixth time in team history that the Blazers have won nine straight games and the first time since the 1987-88 NBA

# Good Kompany finishes second

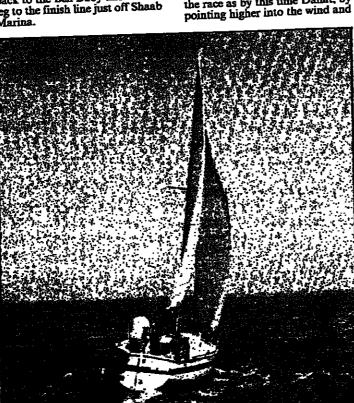
# Red Viking triumphs

RED VIKING won the second night race staged by the Kuwait Offshore Sailing Association (Kosa) earlier this week. The event, SS 4, was a rerun of the fourth race of Kosa's current Spring Series.

of Kosa's current Spring Series. The race was scheduled as a long distance overnight event with the aim of giving participating boats further exposure to the changed sailing conditions after sunset in preparation for the Bahrain Race

The set course was a little over 42 nautical miles and basically consisted of a leg south to the Mast Cardinal, followed by a long haul north to the South Cardinal off Kuwait Towers, passing the West Cardinal along the way, a circular transit of the bay off Shuwaikh Port back to Kuwait Towers, a leg back to the Bell Buoy and a short leg to the finish line just off Shaab Marina. Prevailing weather conditions augured well for the race as the start time approached with a light to moderate northerly wind, bright sunshine and a calm sea. At the start Shammal gained sweet revenge for her misfortunes the previous week when she managed to get to leeward of Danat and Gook Kompany and push them out of the start gate. Magic Flute, as usual starting a litle down the line from the rest of the fleet, was second to cross the line. Red Viking and Gull Wing both misjudged

the start and crossed some distance behind the rest of the fleet. As the yachts rounded the windward mark after a short heat, a seaguil observing the race from a prime spectator position near the mark noted that a poor start doesn't necessarily mean the end of the race as by this time Danat, by



Good Kompany: sailed a good race

NEW YORK, March 19, (Reuter): Major

League baseball players and the teams' owners

have agreed to a four-year labour contract,

ending a 32-day delay of spring training and

leading to the opening of the regular season on

April 9, baseball commissioner Fay Vincent

The spring training camps will open

tomorrow and the first exhibition game is

scheduled for March 26, deputy commissioner

"We're obviously concerned that two weeks

of spring training is not adequate, that it's not

long enough," said Dr Bobby Brown, president of the American League. "We're counting on

the fact that the players did some work on their own and that the third week will get them in

"I am delighted to have this opportunity to

announce this agreement in principle, "Vincent said. "It is a four-year agreement. It includes a minimum salary of \$100,000, up from \$68,000, substantial contribution to players (pension fund) of 55 million for each of four years."

The major stumbling block to the new

Steve Greenberg said.

good enough shape."

avoiding a tack, had managed to pass Shammal to round just in front of her closely followed by Gull Wing who had made up a lot of ground from the back of the fleet, Good Kompany, Red Viking

and Magic Flute.

The very shy reach out to Bell Buoy saw Gull Wing continue her good run when she rounded this mark in front of Danat with Shammal, Red Viking, Good Kompany and Magic Flute in pursuit. The strong ebb tide at this mark had Magic Flute in trouble who only avoided hitting it by some inspired helming and a freak wave at the critical moment pushing them

With the wind directly astern the leg down to masts was a dead run. All yachts had spinnakers flying an All yachts had spinnakers lying an inspiring sight in the last vestiges of daylight. Gull Wing seemed to lose her way on this leg and went well south of the mark. Red Viking with her Big Boy aiding her spinnaker, made up a lot of ground on Danat and Shammal with the former counding slightly in front of the and snammal with the former rounding slightly in front of the latter and Red Viking just two boat lengths behind. Magic Flute passed Good Kompany on this leg to round a little behind Gull Wing.

By this time darkness had fallen and unfortunately your correspondent, along with just about eryone else in the fleet, lost track of the exact positions of the yachts. Even post race discussion threw little light on the subject as most of the yachts were out of sight of each other for long periods of time and when they did converge there was a lot of mistaken identity. The long leg north to Kuwait Towers was a beat. It seems that those yachts which elected to stay on the port tack towards Failaka did the best. By the time they had all passed West Cardinal, Danat was leading from Gull Wing, followed by Red Viking and Magic Flute a few minutes behind and Shammal and Good Kompany bringing up the

As South Cardinal was left to port the positions were unchanged except that Red Viking had increased its margin on Magic Flute by a few minutes and Shammal and Good Kompany had closed with the rest of the fleet. The

agreement was the amount of service in the

Major Leagues a player must have before he

The owners had insisted on maintaining at

Although Vincent said he would wait for the

least the three-year service requirement, while

the players wanted it rolled back to two years.

arbitration, a source in the commissioner's

office said a compromise had been reached,

allowing some players with two years service to

be eligible for arbitration while others must

Vincent said the players and owners were

working on schedules which would make up

games lost by the week's delay in the beginning

of the season, which was to have opened on

Greenberg said 158 games would be relatively easy to schedule. The regular season

Answering a question, Vincent said: Yes, I think there's been damage done (to the reputa-

tion of baseball) and I think a number of us

chief negotiators to outline the agreeme

can seek arbitration for his pay.

wait to complete three years.

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calls for 162 games.

regret that damage."

ship the week before, were somewhat concerned to see a large orange object approaching from the rear. They were somewhat relieved when this object contin-ued its line straight up into the air and became the moon.

Danat continued to lead until the mark signifying the turn back towards Kuwait Towers. Her crew had trouble seeing this mark and continued well past until they saw Gull Wing round causing them to slip into second place. The rest of the race saw little change in posi-tions. Danat managed to close with Gull Wing until the finish which saw, albeit from different directions, Gull Wing crossing 35 seconds ahead of Danat. Red Viking sailed a particularly good spin-naker leg, again with the aid of her big boy which allowed her to decrease the margin of the bigger yachts and eventually give her the win. Shammal passed Magic Flute on the spinnaker leg but only man-aged to cross the finish line two

The most pleasing result of the night was from Good Kompany, by far the smallest boat in the fleet. who althoug trailing her bigger sis-ters across the line, had sailed a very good race and took second

place on handicap.

The race officer was particularly the race officer was particularly pleased with the nights' racing. Conditions were perfect, the racing was very competitive with only 5 minutes separating 2nd, 3rd and 4th in the placings, a small margin after 10 hours of sailing but more importantly the post race conversation indicates that crew are in fact gaining the experience and confidence necessary for the trip down to Bahrain.

Handicap corrected results of race SS4 are: 1 Red Viking, 2 Good Kompany, 3 Danat, 4 Magic Flute, 5 Gull Wing and 6 Sham-

Progressive scores after eight races in the Spring Series still find Red Viking leading with 23, followed by Shammal on 27.5 and Magic Flute on 29.75.

The next races are scheduled for March 23 and are two Cansevents. The briefing for the first will occur at 9.30 am at the Shaab Marina.

### Karpov asks for time-out

Malayasia, March 19, (AP): Former Soviet world champion Anatoli Karpov today requested a postponement of the seventh game in the World Chess Championship Candidates Final

Karpov, playing the white pieces, failed to win the sixth game yesterday from a much superior position. Entering the sure situation, the Soviet grandmaster was a pawn up with rook and knight against Jan Timman's rook and bishop.

Nonetheless, Karpov could not make any headway without giving up his extra pawn and exchanging off his steed.

In the end, although white's two connected passed pawns looked very formidable, black's lone-H-Pawn gave Timman the

The seventh game will be played on Wednesday. Karpov now leads the 12game series by four points to



## Former racing driver admitted to hospital

LONDON, March 19, (AP): Former auto racing champion Stirling Moss is recovering in the hospital after being hit by a car while driving his motor scooter in central London, Westminster Hospital said today. Moss' publicist Linda Patterson said doctors inserted three metal pins in the 60-year-old former Grand Prix driver's broken thigh bone. Ms Patterson said the car went through a yield sign and hit Moss, who, she said was going 20 mph (30 kph). Police were investigating, she

"I have been told the recovery process will be a slow one — about six months," Moss said in a statement. "In all my racing career, in which I have had quite a few shunts, I have never been kept from behind the wheel for even half that length of time, apart from my 1962 accident."

Moss crashed at 90mph (145 kph) during a race at Britain's Goodwood track in 1962. He was dragged unconscious from his car and

remained in a coma for three days. The nine-time British national champion was paralyzed for six months following the accident. Since his career began in 1950, Moss has competed in 494 races or speed records and won 222 of them, including 16 Grand Prix.

## Falah opts out of rally

MUSCAT: Kuwait national champion Eid Falah and UAE star Suhail Bin Khalifa will not start the BP 2000 Trophy, Oman on Thursday afternoon. Both drivers have been forced to withdraw their entries due to logistical problems.

Falah speaking on the telephone from Kuwait explained that his vehicle was delayed en route to Muscat leaving no time for a rebuild of his short-wheelbase Mitsubishi Pajero. "I am very disappointed but will now start planning for the Jordan

even in July," said the Marlboro

1990 Marlboro Desert Challenge leader Suhail Bin Khalifa from Dubai was forced to abandon his hopes of winning in Oman due to visa delays for his entered a Range Rover in this Fisa registered event.

In total 23 entries have been received for this event the second round of the 1990 Mariboro Desert Challenge. The total route which is made up of 13: special stages is 760 kms long.

### Christie 🐈 maintains unbeaten record

COSFORD, England, March 19, (UPI): Linford Christie climbed out of his sickbed to carry an unbeaten 60 metres record through to the end of the indoor track and field

season last night.

The European champion went down the previous day with a stomach upset that threatened to rule him out of Britain's triangular inter-national against the United States and the Soviet Union.

But he refused to disappoint a near-capacity 4,500 crowd and overcame a littery start to win from American Greg Moses in 6.59 seconds. Christie said: "It must have

been something I ate. My head was spinning and my stomach felt rotten. I didn't think I would make it and if it had not been such an important match, which a lot of spectators were looking for-ward to, I would have gone straight home."

Christie was away from his blocks indifferently after in being frustrated by three false starts and trailed at the halfway mark

Then, as he has done so often this winter, he swept into overdrive to hit the front and finish comfortably clear of Moses, who clocked 6.67.

Christie, who forgot any thoughts of a crack at the world record, added: "Considering I have run more than 20 races this winter I was pleased to go under 6.60. Now its time for a rest. It's been a long hard winter with the indoor season following the Commonwealth Games and I don't plan to step on a track; for the next three weeks." Marcus Adam gave Britain

sprint double with a 200 metres victory over American record holder Mike Johnson in 21.03 and the dependable Dalton Grant dragged one more high jump victory from his weary body, whating on countback from American Jake Jacoby with clearances of 2.25 metres. Britain was also served well

on the track by two new international faces, Rob Denmark

and Martin Steele.

Denmark, winning his first microational vest, took the 3,000 metres in 8 minutes and 05.02 seconds, while Steele came through strongly to take the 800 metres in 1:48.37. Those five victories pushed

Britain into second place in

the match, won by the United States' greater, all-round depth. The Americans scored with the Soviet Union on 93. - Andrew Valmon (46.37 seconds) and Oliver Bridges (47.55) won their respective 400 metres races to underline the US depth over the distance.



## Schneider takes World Cup title,

ARE, Sweden, March 19, (AP): Vreni Schneider tried not to think about the little "Kugel" before the last run of a long, grinding season yesterday.

She was 11th after the first slalom run, 1.22 seconds off leader Claudia Strobl's pace.

At stake was the World Cup season slalom title. Scheider, coming off two straight slalom failures, trailed by eight points.
Schneider won the Swiss-Australian duel, the race

and the slalom championship as Strobl fell less than seven seconds in the windup run. "Success and failure is so close together," said Schneider, who moved to third all-time with her

32nd career victory. "After the first run I didn't think about the 'Kugel,' she said, referring to the little crystal ball that goes to the winners of each discipline.

"I just tried to prepare for the second run."

Schneider, who says she visualizes a perfect run at the start, had the fastest second run of the day, which vaulted her to the fifth slalom victory of the season. Petra Kronberger, the overall champion who was

70 behind team-mate Strobl, was also disqualified in the second run after a gate miss.

"I didn't have so much energy in the first run, but I was explosive in the second," Schneider said.

"But my luck today was that Claudia went out in the second run." Strobl remained at 108 points in the final station. standings. Schneider improved to 125.

"I blew it today, but I still had a great season even if I didn't win the Slalom Cup," Strobl said. Schneider, a double Olympic winner in the 1988. Winter Games in Calgary and the World Cup overall champion last season, had a combined time. of one minute, 10.20 seconds.

Patricia Chauvet of France was a surprise runnerup. .50 behind Schneider, for her best slaidin finish of the season.

World Cup rookie Pernilla Wiberg of Sweden placed third, .67 behind, on the relatively short

slaiom course. Schneider came into the race after two straight

failures, having been eliminated by gate misses recently at Stranda, Norway, and Vemdalen. At Vemdalen, Schneider claimed she was disturbed by an official and thus missed a gate. The Swiss

team protested, but it was turned down.

"I have forgotten that race," Schneider said. "I'm just happy that I got revenge for that unlucky

## Zurbriggen ends glorious skiing career than a second off the veteran's

**Baseball lockout ends** 

Season to open April 9

ARE Sweden March 19, (Reuter): When Switzerland's Pirmin Zurbriggen skied the final race of his glorious career this weekend Alpine skiing lost one of its finest exponents and most exciting competitors.

Zurbriggen was undoubtedly the greatest skier to have raced the Pistes since the great heroes of the sport, Austrian Franz Klammer, Sweden's Ingemar Stenmark and Frenchman Jean-Claude Killy.

But after winning a record-equalling fourth overall World Cup crown this season at the age of 27, there was nothing left to motivate him.

For his uncompromising drive to excel in all disciplines was founded on extraordinary motivation, and the shy mountain boy from the village of Saas Almagell had run out of challen-"During most of my life skiing

was everything. But for some time now I have felt I wanted to pursue other goals. I cannot focus 100 per cent on skiing anymore, so it is time to go. Twenty-seven is a good age to

retire, when I am still a winner, he said.

The quiet, clean-cut Zurbrig-gen, who has preferred to let his results speak for him, reached the goal he set for his final season --to equal Italian Gustavo Thoeni's record of the 1970s of four overall World Cup vic-

He defended his Super-Giant Slalom title this season and won one downhill and three Super-GS for a total of 38 World Cup

But as soon as the titles were in the bag his lack of motivation became evident as he finished eighth and 11th in his two final downhill races in this Swedish

"It is important for me to be an

all-round skier. Perhaps I could continue winning a race now and then in some discipline without being completely dedicated, but it is not for me," he said. When I was young skiing was

a game. Then it turned into my living. But I have always treated it with passion." When Zurbriggen burst onto the Alpine scene in 1981 it was

suffering from increasing

specialisation by skiers who

would excel in one or two disci-

plines and hardly enter races in the others. He and rival Marc Girardelli from Luxembourg, who has won three overall titles in the 1980s but missed this season through injury, changed all that — reviving the all-round tradition of Austrian Toni Sailer and Killy, winner of three Olympic golds each in 1956 and 1968 res-

pecively. Now that Zurbriggen has gone the spectre of the specialists is likely to haunt the sport during the close season. Apart from Girardelli there is no-one to take on the champion's mantle.

Zurbriggen, who improved from 31st place overall in his 1981 debut to win his first World Cup all-round title in 1984, has race victories in all disciplines including 10 downhill triumphs.

But his finest hour, which will



Zurbriggen celebrates his Olympic victory.

rank him among the finest of the slopes and was paradoxically also the beginning of the end to his career, was his gold medal at the 1988 Olympics in Calgary. Zurbriggen already held

World Championship golds in

four disciplines and was on target

for his third overall World Cup

crown. But more than anything else he craved the Olympic downhili gold medai. Zurbriggen had seen arch-

rival and team-mate Peter Mueller make a brilliant run to clock two minutes 00.14 seconds, and watched tensely as the foliowing 13 skiers finished more ing Olympic course. Then it was up to Zurbriggen, the final starter in the elite group, to draw on the aggression and

time on the gradually deteriorat-

motivation which was always the secret of his success to stretch himself beyond his limit. When it really counted, he

produced the run of his life for 1:59.63. "It was the greatest

achievement of my career. I had to beat the mountain, myself, and finally Mueller to win the gold," said Zurbriggen.
The secret of his success may well lie in his upbringing. Son of a hotelier, he grew up in the moun-

zerland near the town of the Zermatt — a rugged area where tourism has only recently made an impact. "I come from an area where life is fough and the climate is demanding. People have always had to work very hard and this is

tains of south-western Swit-

in my genes," he said.

Although Alpine skiing will continue to be a major part of his life, Zurbriggen does not want to be too close to the slopes as he turns his focus on a family life with his wife Monique who he married late last year.

"Now life is more than just skiing. I want to settle down and have children," said Zurbriggen, who has numerous skiing promotion offers.

One of his projects include his own line of ski clothing with an Italian firm. "Perhaps I will sktudy language or business," he

Loyola

outclass

Michigan

NEW YORK, March 19, (AP): It was another wild and wacky

day in the National College

Basketball Championship tour-

nament as eight more teams

Michigan was blown out yester-

day 149-115 by Loyola Marymount, a team determined

to win it all for its late star, Hank

Gathers. The game featured

seven tournament records,

including most total points and

most points by one team in the

National Collegiate Athletic

of it is also skill," said Jeff Fryer,

who led Loyola with 41 points.

"We just want to go out and win

because we're doing it for Hank,

and nothing is going to stand in

UCLA, which used to win the

tournament all the time under

John Wooden, made the "sweet

sixteen" for the first time in a

decade by beating Kansas 71-70.

The loss knocked the powerful

big eight, which had three No. 1

teams this season, out of the

"A lot of it is emotion, but a lot

Association tournament.

our way."

champion

advanced to the final 16.

Defending

# Chavez, rematch certain LAS VEGAS, Nevada, March 19,

(UPI): The controversial end to last night's Julio Cesar Chavez-Meldrick Taylor 140-pound (63.5 kg) title ification bout makes a rematch a virtual certainty.

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Even before the two entered the ring, there had been considerable previously undefeated junior weiterweights would be so competitive, a

trilogy was a good possibility.

When referee Richard Steele declared a seemingly beaten Chavez the winner two seconds before the final bell, the seeds were planted for a quick rematch.

Chavez, behind on two of the three judges' scorecards, moved to 69-0 and retained his World Boxing Council crown when Steele decided Taylor could not continue after the only knockdown of the 12-round fight. He also added Taylor's Inter-

national Boxing Federation title.

Taylor had risen from a thunder ing right as Steele's count reached five, but apparently did not respond then Steele asked if he was able to

To complicate matters, Steele said that while he was tending to Taylor, he saw Taylor's co-trainer Lou Duva out of the corner of his eye climbing through the rones

'I was going to stop it anyway, but seeing him (Duva) in the ring made me know that I did the right thing." Steele said.

Duva argued that he believed the round was over 'I think it's a helluva way to lose a

fight," Duva said. "We won the fight for 11 rounds, two minutes and 58 seconds and then the referee took the fight away from us. He didn't do the job he was supposed to do." George Benton, Taylor's other co-

trainer, agreed. In a fight like that, you have to try to give each fighter all the benefits in the world," Benton said. "There are certain risks in this damn game and you can't be squeamish.

The referee was just a little too ouick waving it off. I admire Steele, I think he's a good referee. He just had

Taylor, a Philadelphia boxer who fell to 24-1-1, spent Saturday night in the hospital because of a fractured orbit bone near his left eye, a split lip and severe dehydration.

"I fought the best fight I could," Taylor said yesterday. 'I beat Chavez at his own game (inside). I wasn't hurt. I got caught with a right hand. I jumped right up and my bead

was clear.

"I heard the count, I stood still to let him know I wasn't on queer street and I looked right into his eyes. I wasn't wobbly or anything."

"I'm philosophical," he said. "I'm net britter. I'm a man. I'm going to get

Taylor tried to take the defeat in

two titles back." Chavez, who made a career-high \$1.4 million, has talked of fighting Hector Camacho for even more money. But considering the commo-tion caused by Steele's actions, he realises that a rematch with Taylor is

"In reality, I thought it was a very even fight," Chavez said. "Then the 11th and 12th rounds, I was winning. What I didn't like were the judges who had me behind on their

# Capriati moves into fourth round Noah eliminated, Sabatini triumphs

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla., March 19. (Reuter): Yannick Noah of France was an upset victim but top-seeded woman Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina advanced at the \$2.55 million International Players Championships tennis tournament yesterday.

Noah, seeded ninth, was beaten by unseeded qualifier Mark Kratzmann of Australia 6-4 2-6 7-6 in a second round match. Sabatini had to work hard to get by the backcourt game of Japan's unseeded Maya Kidowaki 6-2 6-3.

Earlier, unseeded American teenage sensation Jenniser Capriati won her third-round women's singles match when her opponent, unseeded compatriot Patty Fendick, suffered a knee injury. Fendick was leading 4-2 in the first set when she retired.

Noah, ranked 12, has now lost in the first round of three of his last four tournaments. He came close to victory against Kratzmann, ranked 64, but a couple of loose errors at the end cost him the victory.

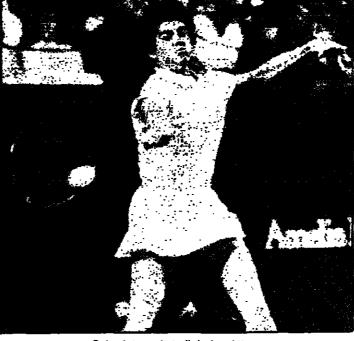
Kratzmann, a lefthanded serve and volleyer, used his strengths to good advantage and passed the tall Frenchman effectively when Noah rushed the net.



Noah: knocked out by Kratzmann.

After splitting the first two sets, it was Noah who was always fighting to stay alive, staving off three break points at 4-4 and taking the set to the tiebreak at 6-6. The players traded five con-

secutive breaks at the start of the tiebreak, but it was Kratzmann who took a 5-2 lead with an overhead smash. The dynamic Noah lunged for a crosscourt volley and leaped for an overhead



Sabatini: made to fight for victory.

smash to reach 5-4, then passed Kratzmann to even the score. Kratzmann reached match point at 6-5 when Noah missed a chipped return, but Noah held off Kratzmann with a forehand

volley. But a badly mis-hit lob by Noah gave Kratzmann match point again. This time the Australian got the victory when Noah gave him a low lob to smash easily away for a winner.

principle to let him go.

Radja said in an interview.

the European champions, for \$400,000.

But Kukoc said he had different ambitions.

to let me go this year."

shots and that was it," Noah said. "I was very disappointed. When you lose it in the tiebreak at the end of the match it goes so fast. A minute before you were so close to winning the match."

Kratzmann said his newfound form was due to an improvement in his serve. "My serve's a lot harder now," Kratzmann said.

"It's not a weakness, it's a strength.

"He's been a legend in my eyes ever since I started on the tennis circuit," said Kratzmann, 23 of the 29-year-old Noah.

Sabatini's score made the match look easy, but her relatively unknown Kidowaki made her chase every bali.

Kidowaki, ranked 110 in the world, battled Sabatini from the base line, mixing up her shots to keep the Argentinian on the move. Sabatini dropped serve once in each set, but broke Kidowaki twice to stay ahead and won the match with an ace.

"It's the first time I heard about her," Sabatini said. "She's very confident from the

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, March 19, (AP): Yugoslavia basketball

At the same time Toni Kukoc, Radja's teammate and another of

he has offered to continue playing for one more year for Jugoplastika,

"Such reports are simply not true. In Europe I can get five times the

"Despite some some attractive offers from American teams, the

amount given to me by the Celtics, but still, I'm determined to join the

NBA team." he said. "Playing in the NBA represents a challenge for

tournament. Purdue and Georgetown, big baseline. The score seemed easy names from big conferences, were eliminated by teams from but all the games were difficult." lightly regarded leagues.

Xavier, from the Midwestern Collegiate Conference, beat Big East beast Georgetown 74-71. Texas, from the Southwest Conference, edged Purdue 73-72, leaving only two of the big ten's seven entries left in the tourstar Dino Radja said yesterday he was determined to play for the nament. The survivors are Boston Celtics next season and that his home club had agreed in Michigan State and Minnesota, which eliminated upstart Northern Iowa 81-78.

Europe's most talented players, said he has no National Basketball Syracuse ended Terry Association ambitions but might be interested in Italy or Spain instead. Holland's coaching career by Radia signed with the Celtics last year for \$425,000, but the contract beating Virginia 63-61 and Duke was blocked by a US federal judge who said Radja had a valid professional commitment with his Yugoslav team Jugoplastika.

"If the Celtics still want me, I'm ready to play for them next season," reached the final 16 for the fifth straight year with a 76-72 victory

over St John's. The 2.08-metre (6-foot-10) centre said that even though his Yugoslav The Southeastern Conference contract runs for two more years, "Jugoplastika has in principle agreed Radja denied recent reports in the Yugoslav and Western press that

is sending only one team to the regional semis - Alabama. The tide rolled over Arizona 77-55 after holding the Wildcats scoreless for more than seven minutes in the second half. The regional semi-final pair-

ings are Duke-UCLA in the East, Syracuse-Minnesota in the southeast. Texas-Xavier in the Midwest and Loyola-Alabama in the West.

### Yugoslav star bent on Harding retains WBC crown playing for NBA team

was very courageous."

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ., March 19, (Reuter): Australian Jeff Harding knocked down Nestor Giovannini of Argentina with a left-right to the head to retain his World Boxing Council light heavyweight title yes-

Harding, 24, knocked down Giovannini in the third and 10th rounds before putting him down for the last time.

Referee Joe Cortez of the United States stopped the scheduled 12-round bout at two minutes and four seconds of the 11th round without even bothering to count out Giovannini, who was sprawled out flat on his back and had no chance of getting up in

Harding, now 17-0, floored the challenger early in the third round with a right-left combination to the head. Giovannini was up at the count of five and Harding waded in, landing a strong right-left to the head near the end of the round.

Late in the 10th round, Harding, 24, slam-

med a left to the challenger's head, sending him lurching across the ring before falling to the canvas. He was up at seven and was-saved for further punishment by the bell. Harding beat Giovannini in their first

fight 10 months ago on a points decision after 10 rounds.

Giovannini, now 28-5-2, managed to do

some damage, opening a cut in the corner of harding's right eye in the seventh round. "I knew he wouldn't get up if the ref didn't call it out." Harding said after the fight. "He

"Giovannini is an awkward fighter and I was trying to nail him with one big punch. But he was counterpunching and that left me open to a lot of silly punches," said Harding, who won the title with an upset victory over

Briton Dennis Andries nine months ago.

Giovannini said through an interpreter after the fight that he had hurt his right hand in the second round and that each time he threw a right he felt the pain.

## Witherspoon knocks out Gunnel

JAKARTA, Indonesia, March 19. (AP): Former world heav-yweight champion 1 im Withers poon scored a third-round knockout victory against fellow American Greg Gunnel last

Witherspoon dominated the scheduled 10-round match at Senayan Sports Palace, putting Gunnel on the defensive and making the victory merely a matter of time after the first round. In the third round, Withers-

near a neutral corner with his body partly outside the ropes.

poon unleashed a series of punches that made Gunnel totter

Earlier, Anthony Hembrick and Greg Richardson, both Americans, defeated their Mexican and Indonesian opponents. Hembrick scored an eightround lechnical knock out over Martin Armarillas of Mexico in the lightweight division and Richardson outpointed Indonesia's Ellyas Pical in the bantam-

ini cale Former heavyweight cham-pion Larry Holmes also performed in a four-round exhibition match, taking on former Colombian national champion Bernado Mercado in the first two rounds then facing fellow American James Tillis in the remaining two rounds.

The former three-time champion Muhammad Ali attended the event as a honorary guest. Canadian boxer Donny Lalonde, who was scheduled to fight tomorrow for the first time in 18 months, underwent throat surgery yesterday, according to a hospital spokeswoman.

November, 1988, by Sugar Ray Leonard in the ninth round of their light heavyweight title fight, was in stable condition after the surgery, the spokeswoman for Lenox Hill Hospital said. Lalonde, 31-3, announced his

Lalonde, 29, knocked out in

retirement last May, but changed his mind and was to fight American Bert Gravely in Mississauga, Ontario, tomorrow.

It was not clear when Lalonde, 29, sustained the injury - a displaced cartilage in his throat.

HONOLULU, March 19. (AP): The manager for World Boxing Association junior featherweight champion Jesus Salud says he will press ahead with a lawsuit against the boxing organisation to prevent it from taking his

The WBA has threatened to strip Salud of his title if he does not fight the WBA's top contender. Luis Mendoza, in the challenger's native Colombia March 31.

### Salud's manager to file lawsuit

client's title away.

The two sides tried to resolve the dispute last weekend in Las Vegas, but were unable to find an acceptable solution to all parties, said Bob Dephilippis, Salud's manager.





### Equestrian Club, which is the only club in Kuwait that has Omar Hamad Al Essa sponsored the competition. A keen Calcavecchia (left) and Bradley shot well but finished second in their tournaments.





Hall shoots true to take Division A KUWAIT ARCHERY FEDERATION held an outdoor shoot for both seniors and juniors on Friday at the Hunting and

> archer himself he hopes by sponsoring such competitions it will encourage more people to take up the sport in Kuwait. The weather was too windy for any record breaking scores but the glorious warm clear skies contributed to the relaxed enjoyable Twenty-eight archers of various ages watched their aluminium

> arrows fly through the air, to hit the large straw targets with satisfying thuds. Well, not all the arrows hit the target, but then 2004 were shot, so it was to be expected that some flew off into the The average pulling draw for the juniors was around 25lbs, that means they pull 25 pounds each time they draw an arrow.

> The total poundage pulled during the four hours, by each child was 1,800 lbs. no mean feat when you consider some of the children were 8-9 year olds.

The results of each division were as follows:

Division A - 1st - Phil Hall, 2nd - Hani Bader. Division B - 1st - Joe Ljubic, 2nd - Bader, 3rd - Michael

Division C -- 1st - Dawood Ismail, 2nd - Ezz Al Arab, 3rd -Uni Menon. Division D - 1st Krishna Menon, 2nd - Graham Dow, 3rd -Mohammed Malik.

Division E - 1st - Nawaf Al Shamali, 2nd - Faisal Al Othman, 3rd - Sabah Al Jaber. Division F - 1st - Abier Al Awadi, 2nd - Reem Malim.

Division G - 1st - Sabah Al Rashid, 2nd - Sannaa. The attractive prizes were presented by the sponsor Omar Hamad Al Essa and the managing director of the club Moham-



Two of the archers aim at the targets



med Majid Al Shaheen.

Archers shoot arrows at their targets and later examine their results.

Mudd holds off Calcavecchia PONTE VEDRA, Fla., March 19, (Reuter): Jodie Mudd turned back Mark Calcavecchia's challenge to win the \$1.5 million Players Championship by one stroke yesterday.

Mudd fashioned a three-under-par 69 for a total

of 10-under-par 278. It was his third victory on the PGA Tour and was worth \$270,000. Steve Jones and Tom Purtzer tied for third place at four-under-par 284 while the 1989 champion.

Tom Kite, tied with Hale Irwin, Ken Green and Billy Ray Brown at 285. Calcavecchia also shot a 69 with three birdies on the incoming nine for a nine-under-par 279. It was Calcavecchia's third straight week of placing second and the fourth time he has been runner-up this year.

has \$551,040 for the year to move past Paul Azinger into the top position on the money list. Through the final holes, it was a contest between Mudd and Calcavecchia, the British Open cham-

Calcavecchia won \$162,000 this week and now

pion, with Mudd leading all the way. Mudd led by a stroke when the final round started and he increased his lead to three after 14 holes. Calcavecchia birdied the 15th and 16th holes to pull to within one, but Mudd hit a splendid nine-iron shot onto the island green at the 142-yard 17th hole. He made the putt from 10 feet for a birdie and the cushion he needed.

Mudd bogeyed the final hole after a poor drive,

but Calcavecchia could not get the birdie he needed. "I can't believe I've won the tournament," the 29year-old Mudd said. "This is my career right now. What it means is hard to explain. This is the Players Championship, our championship."

Calcavecchia said: "I haven't had many bad days on the golf course this year and I'm thankful for that. Jodie deserved to win. He played great today." ● In Tenerife, Argentine veteran Vicente Fernandez beat Briton Mark Mouland in a sudden death

playoff to the Tenerife Open yesterday to record his first European golf Tour victory since 1979. Fernandez needed three extra holes to clinch a victory worth \$54,000 after the pair finished with six-under-par totals of 282. Fernandez closed with a

69 to his rival's 68. The pair were two shots clear of the rest of the field. The first playoff hole, the short 17th, was halved in three and at the next both missed the green with left himself a 20-foot birdie putt, Fernandez faced only a three-footer for the title.

Mouland missed and was ready to concede but

Fernandez astonishingly did the same. They returned to the 17th and again both missed the green. Mouland managed to put his ball to five feet despite needing a left-handed chip shot from behind a small bush. He missed the putt.

Fernandez putted from off the green to less than a foot and tapped his ball home.

• And in Tucson, Arizona, Colleen Walker coasted to a five-stroke victory to win her third career title with a final-round 72 at the \$300,000 Tucsoon Open

women's golf tournament yesterday. Walker finished five strokes in front of Pat Bradley, Heather Drew, Kate Rogerson and Betsy King who recorded 66, 71, 67 and 71 respectively on

the final round. "It is good to be back in the winner's circle again," Walker said. "I feel like I am back on track and am ready to win some more."

Walker began the round at 12-under-par for the tournament but quickly went to 14-under-par and to a seven-stroke lead after she posted two consecutive birdies on holes one and two.

quickly," Walker said. Walker fell back to 13-under-parafter making her first bogey on the par-4 fourth hole. She cruised in with pars on the front nine making the turn at 13-

"I was surprised I came out of the shoot that

under and in a firm six-stroke lead. Tendency "When you have such a big lead it can be hard," said Walker. "You have a tendency to get sloppy out

Bradley, who began the day 11 strokes out, posted a seven-birdie and one-bogey round en route to a 66. "It was either feast or famine for me out there,"

Bradley said. "Everything came in bunches." Drew, who graduated from the University of Arizona, posted a new career-best finish of a tie for second, which qualified her for the Dinah Shore

Rogerson's tie for second also was a career-best. finish. She too qualified for the Dinah Shore. King had her best finish of the season.

"I feel better," said 1989's leading money winner. "I am hitting it more solidly."

tournament.

Denmark

name new

coach

COPENHAGEN, March He (UPI): West German Rolle. Wohlers has been appointed as cessor for comparated Supplying the Danish Secret Rolls.

coach, the Danish Soccer Union announced yesterday.
Wohlers, 40, who was present

wohlers, 40, who was problement to the Danish public at application conference is currently seed coach for West German is an islone club Bayer Uerdingen.

Relatively unknown intermediately wohlers is considered to be among West German.

nationally, wohers a consumption to be among West Cernangiagroup of young and wild. See lalested soccer coacasts.

We have chosts Walling because we believe he has chosts the qualifications we were look.

ing for, said Hans brit Jensea chairman of the Danish Socre

Union
Wohlers, who has a black
ground as an active player in the
West German League said he was
looking forward to the challenge.

"I consider the Canada national team one of the bar

teams in Europe, and look fair

ward to carrying on and destrop-ing the tradition of Pleaned. Wohlers said

But the contract has not but signed yet and the suppointment seems not without but her, find wohlers has over a year left of fire contract with the West Contract

about his release.

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Union.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

England triumph

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe, March 19, (Reuter): Michael Atherton continued the remarkable run of form which has brought him 448 runs in five innings, scoring 101 yesterday as England A beat Zimbabwe in the third and final one-day cricket match. England, put into bat by Zimbabwe, scored 247 for five off their 50 overs and then bowied out the home side for 219 to win by 28 runs and take the series 3-0.

### Wacker player

VIENNA, March 19, (UPI): Ernst Weber, the coach of Viennese soccer club Admira Wacker, has said the club will not release star player Ger-hard Rodax for less than \$2 million. **Hurdles champion** 

CARDIFF, March 19, (UPI): Welshman Colin Jackson, the reigning Commonwealth 100 metres hurdles champion, withdrew Friday from the British team for an indoor competition against the Soviet Union and the US Sunday.

### England players

LONDON, March 19, (UPI): Six members of the England Rugby Union team which lost Saturday's Grand Slam decider against Scotland have declared themselves unavailable for the three-week summer tour of Argentina. Record try scorer Rory Underwood and fellow British Lions Jeremy Guscott and Robb Andrew yesterday ruled them-selves out along with Simon Halliday and Mark Bailey.

### Penguins player

PITTSBURGH, March 19, (AP): An agent for Pittsburgh Penguins player Mario Lemicux says the star centre's injured back improved over the past week. "There's a great deal of encouragement about his overall condition and the likelihood he will not need surgery," Tom Reich told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette yester-

### **European champion**

COPENHAGEN, March 19, (UPI): Eyub Can, the European flyweight boxing champion, has decided to retire because he has lost the drive to fight, it was reported yesterday.

### Top seeds win TOP seeds continued to breeze

through early round play at the Kuwait International Hotel's 1990 Amateur Tennis Classic.

Top-seeded Saleh Bushnaq upended Chris Myers 6-1 6-0 and second seeded Ayman Hijjawi defeated Giorgio Quintoro 6-3 6-2. Bushnaq later teamed with Majed Adham to whip Stanislaw Brennenstuhl and Gregory Latala 6-0 6-0 and the second seeded team of Hijjawi and Walid Abu Lughud wore down Arun Nair and A. Temton 6-2

In other men's singles action: A. Nair outlasted Rabi Nasser 3-66-26-1 T. Mitera defeated A. Negri 6-3

Brokmann edged K. Fadda

7-6 (7-5) 6-3

In open doubles action:
M. Al-Jazirah & R. Vincent defeated C. Myers & P. Stubbs 6-42-66-1 N. El Kady & W. Saleh beat F. Fadda & K. Faddah 6-1 6-2.

S. John & M. Saleh trounced M. Abdoh & D. Morrison 6-0 6-0 M. Simon & K. Soenksen defeated S. Abu Lughud & A. Saich w-o.

C. Brokmann & A. Negri slid by S. Abe & T. Mitera 7-6 (7-0) 4-6

LONDON, March 19, (Reuter): Two weeks ago, AC Milan were top of the Italian Soccer League, unbeaten in 16 matches and con-

fidently facing a European Cup quarterfinal first leg against

Mechelen of Belgium.

Now, after a 3-1 hammering

by city rivals Internazionale on

Sunday, the doubts and recriminations have begun.

strength of character to come out

of this tunnel," said trainer Arrigo Sacchi, looking to the

European Cup second leg in midweek. The first leg ended in a

Diego Maradona's Napoli,

still in second place one point behind Milan, provided the only

good news on Sunday for the European and world club cham-

pions by also losing 2-1 at Samp-

Inter, Sampdoria and Juven-

tus, who beat Milan 3-0 in Turin

last week, are all level four points behind.
"We're still top despite having

lost two matches and that's the

most important thing. But I'm

looking for a gutsy response

especially from our leading

players," Sacchi said. While Sacchi blamed his

defence, previously one of the

team's strongest assets, for the

two defeats, the media blamed

the coach for his policy of switch-

ing between Andrea Pazzagli and Giovanni Galli in goal in alter-

scoreless draw.

"We've got to draw on all our

# Wright hammers Aussies for unbeaten ton

# Kiwis score easy win over Australia

WELLINGTON, March 19, (Reuter): New Zeaiand skipper John Wright played a superb 117 not out today to help send Australia crashing to its first defeat in 15 cricket Tests.

Wright's aggressive innings paved the way for a nine-wicket win for New Zealand in the oneoff Test in Wellington and allowed his team to wrap up the match with more than a session to spare.

Australia's previous loss was to the West Indies in Melbourne in December, 1988.

It was a fitting way for bowler Richard Hadlee to bow out of Test cricket in New Zealand. His availability for New Zealand's tour to England later this year remains in doubt.

After the match several thousand fans cheered Hadlee, as he was presented with a book autographed by Wellington cricket supporters wishing him well in his retirement.

"The time couldn't be better, with this victory over Australia, for me to leave Test cricket in New Zealand," Hadlee said.

"We have won credibility and respect all over the world and to play in this particular team has

been quite outstanding." Hadlee took five wickets for 39 runs in the first innings of this

New Zealand, after dismissing Australia for 269 in their second innings late yesterday, needed 178 to win on a wicket that continued to play slow but offered the best batting conditions of the

Wright told reporters after the



Hadlee: played last Test in New Zealand

match he thought the 178-run target was going to be difficult, but the wicket had died and was

not turning sharply. Wright's century came in 240 minutes off 185 balls and included one six and 14 fours. It was his tenth Test century and his third of the season. He passed the hundred mark twice against India this summer.

Wright, the Man of the Match, was modest at his post-match news conference.

"Batting conditions were probably at their best today," he said. "John Bracewell turned the corner for us yesterday, because 220, it would have been harder for us psychologically."

Bracewell took six wickets for 85 and allowed New Zealand to clean up the last four Australian

if we had been chasing around

batsmen for eight runs. "He was the guy who won the



Test for us yesterday," Wright said of Bracewell. "If I hadn't got the runs today, someone else

would have.' Australian captain Allan Border said his team was outplayed.

'I can't offer any other excuses," he said. "They batted brilliantly today, especially John Wright. We had visions of it being a difficult total, but they got it easily."
Wright and fellow opener the first hour, but gradually compiled the only 50-run opening partnership of the match, before Franklin was caught behind off Greg Campbell when the score The Australians were unlucky

not to pick up a couple of wickets in the morning session, with pace bowlers Carl Rackemann and Terry Alderman beating the bat

Andrew Jones joined Wright and took 40 minutes to get off the mark. But he played a good sup-porting role, finishing 33 not out. Offspinner Peter Taylor, who was expected to get turn from the wicket after Bracewell's earlier performance, was hit out of the attack by Wright

Border put himself and Dean Jones on in a last ditch attempt to get wickets. But Wright and Andrew Jones picked up their loose deliveries to hasten the end of the match.

Wright said after the match he hoped Hadlee would tour England.
"I have made no secret of my

feelings on that. What captain wouldn't want him." he told reporters.

### Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA first innings 110 (P. Taylor 29, R. Hadles five for 39, D. Morrison three for 22). NEW ZEALAND first innings 202 (J. Wright 36, T. Alderman four for 46, F.

Taylor three for 44).
AUSTRALIA second innings 269 (P. Taylor 87, A. Border 76 not out, J. Bracewell six for 85).
NEW ZEALAND second innings

(overnight four for no wicket) J. Wright not out T. Franklin c Healy b Campbell

A. Jones not out Extras (lb-10, nb-1, nb-2)

Total (for one wkt from 63.3

Fall of wicket: 1-53 Did not bat M. Greatbatch, K. Rutherford, J. Crowe, R. Hadlee, I. Smith, J. Bracewell, M. Snedden, D. Morrison. Bowling: T. Alderman 14-8-27-0, C. Rackemann 15-4-39-0 (nb-1), P.

debates player payments

LONDON, March 19, (Renter): The International Rugby Football Board (IRFB), an amateur body struggling to come to terms with the modern game, debates the vexing question of player payments at its annual meeting this week.

The eight-member board's conclusions will be announced at a news conference on

Friday.

However, it already appears that a rift has developed between those unions who wish to see players recompensed and those who adhere to the game's strict amateur.

compensation to players for loss of earnings and a relaxation of the laws forbidding payments for writing books and articles, making speeches and giving radio and

also likely to find favour with Wales, France and South Africa.

But IRFB sources say England remain opposed on principle to any player

The sources say England will probably be supported by Scotland and Ireland, which will prevent the reformers getting the 75 per cent majority they need to change

Dudley Wood, secretary of the English Rugby Umon, is unequivocal in his

People do not understand the implications of what they are saying," he said.

"The fact that players would not be paid for actually going out on to the field has nothing to do with it. They would still be professionals making money out of an

South African Rugby Board president Danie Craven has written to each of the other seven unions asking them to renew links with the white-ruled republic.

"Now that the battle inside our country is particularly over, our government has

embarked, like the whole of Eastern Europe and Russia, in particular, on the road of

"My first message is: come and play us on a reciprocal basis as we used to play. The

Craven's letter met with a guarded response from the chairman of the English

sooner the better New Zealand so that we can see if you are the real world champions

These have been welcomed by New Zealand and Australia and the proposals are

regulations.

Last December IRFB circulated all unions with draft regula-

RESULTS of the Barolay Bridge game (6th week) Sunday evening Taylor 11-3-39-0, G. Campbell 7-2-1. Rima & Foaud Farah 23-1, D. Jones 6-3-14-0, A. Border 2. Adly Tiab & Ahmed Hnelds 3. Dona - Materny & Adel Bay International rugby board

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### Mason recovering

MANCHESTER, England Manifel. (Reuter): British heavyweigh boxing champion Gary Mason recovering from eye surgery, may face a three-month wait to find our

whether he can fight again.

A hospital spokesman ship
Mason 27, was recovering from sugery on a damaged refinal but would have to wait two or three months for a decision on his boxing future. Mason has the operation at the

Mason has the operation at the weekend after complaining the problems in focusing during his points win over American Hyenett Martin last Wednesday

# ara makes England bowlers suffer.

POINTE-A-PIERRE, Trinidad, March 19, (Reuter): Brian Lara. only 20 but already rated a future West Indies cricket captain, struck a magnificent 134 for the President's XI against England vesterday. The left-hander received a

stinging blow on the hip by pace bowler Devon Malcolm early on, but he then subjected the tourists to a classic demonstration of bat-

Lara's innings ended when he was bowled behind his legs by Phillip DeFreitas. He faced only 180 balls and struck 19 fours and By the close of the second day of the four-day game the

President's XI were 285 for

LONDON, March 19, (UPI): Liverpool striker Ian

Rush is back in the Welsh national soccer squad for

the game against the Republic of Ireland in Dublin

Rush missed World Cup qualifiers against Holland and West Germany through suspension

and injury, but makes a timely return to test the republic's World Cup defensive system.

Andy Dibble are also back in the 16-strong squad

after missing the 2-1 defeat by West Germany last

Mark Hughes, Gareth Hall, Alan Davies and

seven, 33 ahead.

Lara suffered a loss of form in this season's Red Stripe Cup after making the squad for the final two Tests against India last

The last time he passed 50 was

when he scored 182 for the West

Indies under 23s against the Indians in St Kitts a year ago. Lara reached his half century from 83 balls then accelerated dramatically. He needed only another 56 deliveries, nine of

which he struck for four, to make

his third first class hundred. Off-spinner Eddie Hemmings broke a fourth wicket stand of 131 in only 26 overs when he had Gus Logie caught by wicketkeeper Jack Russell.

Lara so dominated the partnership that Logie contributed

Rush back in Welsh soccer squad

Milan beset by doubts after second defeat

only 40, his first innings since fracturing a finger on February

England, who started the day on 225 for seven, offered limited resistance in the morning, and were all out for 252.

Scoreboard ENGLAND first innings (overnight 225 for seven) G. Gooch c Harris b Haynes .... W.Larkins c Harris b Patterson ...... 1 A. Stewart c Adams b Benjamin. R. Smith c Morgan b Haynes...... R. Bailey lbw b Baptiste.

D. Capel c Harris b Arthurton . Russell c Harris b Baptiste ... P DeFreitas not ou!... C. Lewis Ibw b Patterson. E. Hemmings b Baptiste. D. Malcolm b Baptiste Extras (lb-5 w-5 nb-20).

In the last meeting between Ireland and Wales,

The squad: Neville Southall; Andy Dibble, David

Phillips, Mark Bowen, Noel Ratcliffe, Peter

Nicholas, Andy Melville, Mark Aizlewood, Alan

Davies, Barry Horne, Geraint Williams, Ian Rush,

Mark Hughes, Darren Hall, Glyne Hodges, Mal-

also in Dublin, it was a Rush goal that gave Wales a

Fall of wickets: 1-12 2-36 3-107 4-136 5-150 6-201 7-206 8-239 9-243 Bowling: Patterson 9-1-45-2, Benjamin 15-2-34-1, Baptiste 33.1-5-91-4, Haynes 32-12-57-2, Arthurton 5-0-18-1, Morgan 1-0-2-0.
PRESIDENT'S XI first innings

C. Lambert b Matcoim..... D. Morgan run out ... K. Arthurton c Russel b Capel ... B. Lara b DeFreitas ...... Logie c Russel b Hemmings ..... 40 J. Adams low h Detreitas L Harris run out.... R. Haynes not out.

E. Baptiste not out. Extras (b-3 lb-5 w-1 nb-14) .... Total (for seven wickets) Fall of wickets: 1-172-213-984-229 5-229 6-260 7-271

To bat K. Benjamin, P. Patterson Bowling (to date): Malcolm 16-1-60-1, DeFreitas 24-1-81-2, Lewis 11-2-46-0, Capel 9-0-42-1, Hemmings 18-5-48-1

### Weissflog wins

OSLO, Norway, March 19, (AP): East German Jens Weissflog won the Holmenkoilen ski jump for the second year in a row yesterday, but the event was stripped its World Cup status for 1990 due to jumping conditions. Entrants successfully demanded yesterday that the event be declared a test of the artificial surface and not part of the World

Cup series.

Milan's defeat.
"It was an incredible defeat.

We lost an unrepeatable chance to overtake Milan," he said

In the Netherlands, champions PSV also disappointed,

drawing 1-1 with FCTwente in a match that augured badly for the

European Cup quarterfinal second leg tie against Bayern

PSV, who need to overturn a 2-

I first-leg deficit, were saved from defeat by FC Twente with a

freak goal in injury time to defender Stans Valcx. Ajax Amster-

dam failed to cash in on the set-

back by drawing 0-0 against

In West Germany, Bayern's

faltering 1-0 home win over nearest challengers Eintracht Frankfurt put the champions

four points clear at the top of the

And in France, Marseille striker Jean-Pierre Papin, who

added a hat-trick in Saturday's 3-

0 win over Toulon to the brace he

scored against Sochaux on Wed-

nesday, took his League scoring

"For some time, without dar-ing to say so publicly, I have been aiming at a target of 25," he said.

"But now, why not go for 30? Each season I try to score more than the previous one. Two years

ago I was top scorer with 19, then

again last year with 22 and now

l'in already on 24."

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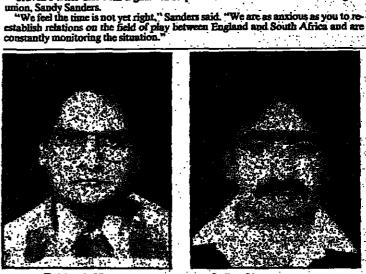
League table

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opposition to any relaxation of the rules.

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this early loss and kept losing

### Gulf Group reach Amar final ers in the very first over. They were never able to recover from

GULF GROUP entered the final of the Amar Trophy cricket tournament with a five-wicket victory over Sunshine Cricket Club at the Shuwaikh grounds earlier this Sunshine elected to bat after

winning the toss and scored 151 for the loss of four wickets in their 25 allotted overs. Ghulab was the highest scorer for Sunshine with 49, made with the help of four boundaries.

Jerome 41 and Baqar 20 were the other Sunshine batsmen to do well. Salim Basha took two wickets for 38 runs in five overs while Mohammed Ali also restricted the Sunshine batsmen with one for 26 in his five overs. Set a target of over six runs an over, Gulf Group found the going

easy and went past the victory target in 22.4 overs. Tahir and Salim Basha were instrumental in

putting their team on a strong footing with a partnership of 63. While Tahir was at the wicket, none of the Sunshine bowlers could dominate the proceedings. Tahir slammed six fours in his 62 and he got some good support from Salim Basha, who hit 35. For Sunshine, Annu took two

wickets for 22 while Baqar got one for 15 in three overs. Bashir also chipped in with one for 31. Gulf Group will now meet Gujarat in the final on Friday, March 23, at 9.00 am at the

Maliya ground. ■ Cantt Cricket Club defeated Raiders Cricket Club by 40 runs in a friendly match at the Salmiya Old Ground on Friday.

Cantt opted to bat after winning the toss and scored 105 for the loss of all their wickets. Canti had started their innings disas-trously, losing one of their open-

wickets at regular intervals.
For Raiders, Waheed bowled well to take three wickets while.
Liaquat and Azam got two each and Ishfaq and And one each Raiders did not fare well when they went in to bat. After losing their first wicket with only three runs on the board, Raiders went deeper into trouble when they were six for three. Azana and Arshad took the total to 23 but again the Cantt bowlers struck and reduced the Sunshine team to

37 for nine. Kumar and Salim only proton ged the inevitable and the whole side was out for only 65 with Abbas taking four wickets for 14 runs. Zahid took two wickets for five while Darryl, Sajid and Sira got one wicker each

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"Sacchi scores an own goal,"

said a headline in the Corriere

Della Sera, which said the coach's inexplicable juggling

risked turning both goalkeepers into emotional wrecks.

A nervous Pazzagli made a

Editorial Office:

An action shot of the Bayern-Eintracht Frankfurt match. (Reuter wirephoto)

fatal error in coming to the edge of the area to try to hold off striker Aldo Serena, who simply

lofted the ball over the goalk-

Milan captain Franco Baresi

shared Sacchi's view that the

eeper's head.

defence was faulty. "Something isn't going right. The off-side

trap isn't proving as effective as it used to," he said.

was furious that his team had yet again failed to capitalise on

Napoli coach Alberto Bigon

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